

Failings on security, heating and teaching highlighted

NURSERY RATED AS INADEQUATE

Report by Megan Archer

A NURSERY in Darlaston has been branded 'inadequate' after it was discovered children did not have access to drinking water, the rooms were too cold, and anybody could walk in off the street.

An Ofsted inspector also found the quality of teaching to be weak at Music Box nursery in Salisbury Street, and that communication with parents was not always effective.

Staff did not regularly observe and assess children's learning or plan challenging activities, or keep a note of the youngsters' attendance which made it difficult in the event of an emergency.

Inspector Trish Turney visited the Music Box in February. Her report said: "Children do not receive the support they need to make progress in their learning, particularly in their communication and language development."

Prepare

"They do not develop confidence or learn to participate in activities for long periods of time. They have little motivation to play and learn. Children do not gain the key skills to help prepare them for the next stage of their learning or eventual move to school."

She added: "Staff do not always implement effective measures to keep children safe. Unauthorised persons can enter the building and the nursery rooms without staff's knowledge. Staff do not promote children's good health and well-being effectively. The temperature in the nursery is too low and staff do not ensure children have regular access to drinking water."

Ms Turney highlighted the one strength of the nursery as children being able to develop some physical skills by playing on wheeled toys or by rolling balls. Music Box looks after a total of 15 children aged two to three.

In her report she added that, for the nursery to reach suitable standards, a system must be put in place to assess children's learning and make their time there a 'challenging and enjoyable experience', while also involving parents and ensuring any needs are addressed quickly.

Music Box did not respond to requests for comment.

COMRADES FOREVER, FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE



Graham Stevenson, 93, from Walsall, who was a machine gunner



Graham and Charley at one of their regimental get-togethers



The pair during a recent commemorative event

IT'S a remarkable story of enduring friendship in spite of the divisions of war...

One Second World War African campaign veteran, Graham Stevenson, aged 93, from Walsall, counts former German counterpart, Karl Friedrich 'Charley' Koenig, as a good friend. Some 75 years ago, both men were fighting on opposite sides of the battle lines in the African desert.

The pair first came into contact in Tunisia in March 1943 without realising, Mr Koenig as part of the German 5th Panzer Division and Mr Stevenson in the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Tank Regiment.

However, years on, the pair are now the only surviving members of an old comrades' association which has transcended the opposing factions they represented, with the German veteran being made an honorary Sherwood Ranger.

● Full story – Page 2

EDUCATION

Bomb threat at college campus

THOUSANDS of students were evacuated from Walsall College after it received 'false and malicious' bomb threats. The college was one of hundreds of schools and colleges across the country to receive the threats.

It remained shut for the day after announcing on its social media pages at 11.44am on Monday that it was clearing all of its campuses due to the incident.

Campuses on Littleton Street West, Green Lane, Broadway and Portland Street were affected, with scores of students turned away as they attempted to enter sites.

West Midlands Police said there was nothing to suggest there was any 'credible threat' to any of the schools or colleges targeted. The force has launched an investigation into the threats.

Walsall College – which has around 15,000 students enrolled – was one of more than 400 UK schools and colleges to receive bomb threats. The schools were all sent emails which claimed devices had been planted and demanded cash.

Police said a 'number of schools' in the West Midlands had received the email, but did not confirm which institutions were targeted.

A statement released by the force said: "We are investigating emails sent to a number of schools in the West Midlands making bomb threats – at this stage it is believed they are false and malicious."

The hoaxes come two years after a spate of fake threats were sent to schools across the West Midlands.

FUNDRAISING

Quiz night in aid of appeal for playhouse

FUNDRAISERS desperately trying to save The Grange Playhouse in Walsall are holding a quiz night on Friday. The Grange Players need to raise £60,000 to carry out important repairs to their base, the playhouse, in Broadway North, or they may be forced out.

To help meet the bill, there will be a 'fun general knowledge quiz' and some light entertainment at the Saddlers Club next to Walsall FC in Bescot Crescent from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £7 per person with teams of up to six allowed. For tickets email Louise at company.secretary@grangeplayers.co.uk or call/text Louise on 07805 068850 for further details.

DON'T FORGET

CLOCKS GO FORWARD AN HOUR AT 1AM, SUNDAY MORNING



abbey blinds



abbey curtains



abbey cushions

WE MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY & FIT

Curtains - Cushions
Perfect Fit - Intu
Vertical - Venetian
Blackout - Roman
Roller - Pleated
Conservatory Blinds

abbey blinds

25-28 Elmore Green Road
Bloxwich
Walsall
WS3 2HW
www.blindsbyabbey.co.uk
showroom 9am-5pm Mon-Sat

0800 0194655

PCC reveals dates when police bases set to close

CLOSURE dates have been set for eight police stations in the Black Country that have been earmarked to shut.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson will decide on the proposal, which would save the force £5 million, at a meeting on Tuesday.

Under the plan, Bilston's Prouds Lane station would close this summer.

Sedgley will close the following year while Oldbury, Wednesfield, Aldridge and Tipton will close in 2020.

Smethwick will close in 2021 and Wednesbury in 2022.

All eight stations cost almost £1m a year to run, according to the PCC.

Wendy Morton, MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, says she is unhappy with the planned closure of Aldridge Police Station and has opposed the scheme.

In a report ahead of the meeting, it was said there had been little or no opposition from people in Dudley and Sandwell about the closures. But the concerns raised by Ms Morton are being addressed by the sector unit commander.

Fears were also raised over response times and the future status of the buildings if the closure were approved.

In Wolverhampton, MP Emma Reynolds said the consultation period was too short.

Green spaces in protection hope

THREE green spaces in Walsall could be protected forever under new plans.

Walsall Council's cabinet will consider submitting an application to Fields in Trust to create three new Fields in Trust, which would be at Palfrey Park, Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve and Willenhall Memorial Park. As part of the plans, the council hopes to create a living legacy to mark the World War I centenary through Willenhall Memorial Park which would be protected forever as centenary fields.

If successful, the new dedications will add to previous green spaces in trust around the borough such as the Queen Elizabeth II Fields which were created through a grassroots legacy from the momentous events in 2012.

20m mast plan

A 20-METRE high telecomms mast could be installed on a street in Walsall. Plans have been put forward by Hutchinson & EE to put up the mast in front of the Collingwood Centre in Hillingford Avenue, Pheasey.

Model pupils follow like Shaun the Sheep



Grace Finney, with one of the models

CREATIVE youngsters have been following in the footsteps of Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep creator Nick Park. Pelsall Village School was visited by clay model animators from Aardman Animations who were also behind the recent Early Man film.

As part of a prize linked to eating healthy school meals, the children in key stage two were taught how to create some of the characters from the prehistoric comedy, which starred the voices of Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddleston, Maisie Williams and Timothy Spall. The school was visited by Jim

Parkyn, senior model maker, who has worked at Bristol-based Aardman since 2000. He started on Chicken Run and has since played a part in most productions.

Following directions from the model expert, the youngsters had the chance to create Hognob – the sidekick and pet wild boar of caveman Dug– and the sabre-toothed rabbit, using resources supplied by the healthy food manufacturer, Pasta King.

The year five and six children also went on to create short animations using iPads.

Early Man, the animation company's seventh film, follows a tribe of primitive Stone Age valley dwellers who have to defend their land from bronze-using invaders in a football match.

Lots of fun was had by all with children also learning about careers that support the creative skills of art, music and drama," said school business manager Sandra Rochelle.

The competition was held by Shires Catering Company, which saw Pelsall Village School crowned as the Midlands winner.

Heartbroken families' tribute to crash pals

THE HEARTBROKEN parents of two teenagers killed in a crash in the Black Country have paid tribute to their sons.

Alexander Lees, aged 19, died along with Tarik Campbell, 18, following the tragedy on Broadway West last Tuesday night.

Pictures of the pair, who were both on the motorbike, which was in collision with a Rover car, have now been released by the families through West Midlands Police.

A 58-year-old man who was arrested on suspicion of drink driving and causing death by dangerous driving has been released under investigation. Alexander was at Sandwell College and planned to go to Coventry University in September to study aeronautical engineering, it has been revealed.

His parents said: "Alex loved life. He could never sit still and was always on the go, he lived every moment to the fullest.

"Standing at 6ft 4ins tall, he was a big character and always had amazing ideas.

Talented

"His main love was for motorbikes, but he also loved computers and his guitar. Words cannot begin to express how much we will miss him."

They added: "He was so talented and loved time with his friends and family. Who knows what the future would have brought for our only son? He was taken, along with his friend, far too soon. We love you and we miss you, son."

Tarik's family said: "Tarik was a well-loved son, grandson, brother, cousin and nephew. As well as that, he was a good friend and we couldn't be more proud of him. He was a hardworking and well-mannered young man and a huge role model for all of his siblings.

"He was a genuine kind-hearted person and his personality shined all the time. Tarik will be missed so much by everyone who knew him. We appreciate all of the support and tributes for both Tarik and Alex."

The fatal crash happened between the junctions of Lord Street and Alexandra Road at 11.30pm. Both teenagers were pronounced dead at the scene. Pc Karl Davies from West Midlands Police appealed for any witnesses to come forward saying: "We are appealing for information from anyone who saw what happened. Broadway is one of the main routes into Walsall and I'm sure that other road users will have witnessed the collision or the bike riding along the road. We would also appeal for anyone who may have dashcam footage showing what happened to get in touch."



Friends Tarik Campbell, left, and Alex Lees, right, who were killed after being knocked off a motorbike

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "Sadly, despite their efforts, it was not possible to save either man and they were both confirmed dead on scene. Ambulance staff would like to thank the police officers at the incident who assisted with CPR."

People living by the crash site spoke of their shock at the deaths of the young men following the incident. One neighbour, who asked not to be named, said: "My husband heard a loud bang at about 11pm and went outside. The boys were lying in the road. He called an ambulance. Everyone was outside. All the neighbours. "One of our neighbours was doing CPR. It was terrible."

Bouquets of flowers and touching messages have been laid by tearful friends and family on the pavement. One tribute reads: "Alex, taken too soon, God bless" and another said "Tarik you will be sorely missed – taken too soon from us."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or email FL_COLLISION_INVEST@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

● Silent – Page 12

NEWS IN BRIEF

Property owner pleads not guilty

A PROPERTY owner accused of putting people at risk of death after not following fire safety rules has pleaded not guilty.

Sundeep Singh Sidhu was responsible for the building that used to be The Three Crowns pub in Sutton Road, Walsall, which closed down in 2007. The 35-year-old, of Little Aston Park Road in Sutton Coldfield, has been charged with four counts of failure to comply with a fire safety order, pleading not guilty to all counts.

He will next appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on April 12 for trial, and is on unconditional bail until then.

Judo star to help young hopefuls

AN athlete inspired scores of students as she revealed her journey to Olympic glory. Haruka Tachimoto is the current 70kg Judo Olympic champion after clinching gold at Rio 2016.

The athlete stopped by at the University of Wolverhampton to speak to students about her career on Thursday. Tachimoto will spend a month at the British Judo Centre of Excellence, at the university's Walsall Campus.

Performance director Nigel Donohue said: "It was incredibly exciting to have the calibre of Haruka to come over and work with our athletes."

'Smart city' hope with broadband

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to roll out broadband will help transform Wolverhampton into a 'smart city'.

Wolverhampton council won £4.9 million of government cash pot to provide gigabit broadband to more homes and businesses. The city is just one of 13 areas nationwide which has been awarded funding to provide faster and more reliable broadband.

Broadband will be provided to 196 public sector premises including libraries, schools and colleges. More than 900 businesses and 4,000 homes will be able to tap into the network.

Man found dead in town centre hotel

A MAN has been found dead in a hotel in Walsall.

The 39-year-old from Lichfield was discovered in The Premier Inn on The Waterfront in the town centre by hotel staff on the morning of Monday March 12. He is believed to have checked in the day before.

A post mortem examination has been carried out and an inquest expected to open in due course. His death is not believed to be suspicious.

BLINDS
WALSALL - www.blind-deals.co.uk

BEST DEAL!
3 child safe
verticals
one per household offer

£98

NO OBLIGATION HOME QUOTE

ALL PRICES INCLUDE FREE
MEASURE & FITTING
HUGE CHOICE OF POPULAR
FABRICS & GENEROUS SIZE
RESTRICTIONS

CALL
FREE

contact your local advisor
to see our fabric range &
other available deals

0800 0214266

SHORT HEATH
Dental Practice



Special Offer on Tooth Whitening

£150

(Bring this advert with you)

NHS

2A Oaken Drive, Willenhall WV12 5NU T: 01922 478893

Appointments Available Immediately

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

Emergencies seen the same day

Examination to include scale and polish £18.50

You may be eligible for free treatment if you are in receipt of certain benefits, if you have had a baby in the last year, if you are 18 and in full time education or are under 18

- Open daily 8.00am - 5pm
- 2 Female dentists - Mrs Jane Owen & Mrs Stefka Ivanova
- Tooth Whitening -
- New patients welcome
- Cosmetic Dentistry - get the smile you always dreamed of

- Implants - replace those missing teeth permanently
- Denture Repairs
- Sports Mouth Guards
- White Fillings
- Braces
- Crowns, Bridges & Dentures



COUNTY NEWS

Action call as pet thefts 'rise 24pc'

PET theft is on the rise with more than 60 dogs stolen in England and Wales every week. But, officials with DogLost, which helps reunite owners and pets, claim these numbers are only the tip of the iceberg.

They have said that as the law stands there is no deterrent to reduce pet theft which is up by nearly 24 per cent over the past three years.

Pet Theft Awareness, a of the Stolen & Missing Pets Alliance, is backing an e-petition created by Dr Daniel Allen, a research fellow in Human Geography and tutor at Keele University. People are urged to sign at petition.parliament.uk/petitions/212174.

Suzi's Tomfoolery over cat's gender

BLACK Country TV favourite Suzi Perry rescued a stray kitten and named it Gloria - only to find her new furry friend was a male. Wolves fan Suzi tweeted the clanger to her 365,000 followers, prompting scores of replies.

The presenter posted: "Rescued a stray wild kitten, fed her and called her Gloria. Managed to catch her to take her to the vets to be sterilised. Apparently Gloria is a boy - no coming back from the name Gloria is there?"

Teased about her inability to tell the difference between a male and female cat, Suzi replied: "Wild cat, long hair - untouchable!"

Black Books star Dylan's Brum date

DYLAN Moran will perform is returning to Birmingham on a new tour.

The Black Books comedy icon will come to the region on his Dr Cosmos tour, heading to 41 UK venues.

Dylan is set to offer his unique take on love, politics, misery and the everyday absurdities of life at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, on September 22. The comedian, actor and writer became the youngest ever winner of the Perrier Award at the Edinburgh Fringe in 1996.

Camera club hopes to snap up new members

A PHOTOGRAPHIC group is looking for new members. North Birmingham Photographic Society meets every Wednesday at Great Barr War Memorial Hall in Chapel Lane, from 7.45pm.

Professional photographer Dave Tucker will be giving a talk on March 21, followed by a lecture on Iceland by fellow photographer Peter Clark.

For further information about the club call 07729 033981.

Leader hits back at ethnic division claims

WALSALL does not have major problems with segregation - the council's leader has insisted after the town was one of five areas targeted by the Government to improve integration of ethnic minorities.

A new integration strategy will be rolled out to promote British values in schools and provide extra English language courses in an effort to reach communities where there is deemed

to be a lack of integration. The programme is part of a £50 million investment by the Government to try and improve community relations.

English courses will predominantly target women from minority communities to encourage them to integrate and find jobs.

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said there was a 'segregation problem' in some of England's schools and ac-

tion was needed to tackle it. He also said too many parts of the country were divided.

However, Sean Coughlan, leader of the Labour-run Walsall Council said: "We were invited to take part in the pilot by the Government in recognition of our excellent work on community cohesion."

"The issue is the way the Government is trying to put this across. I

work on a daily basis in community centres and I see some fantastic cohesion going on and people getting on with their lives. Women are desperately trying to learn English. The problem is the Government cut back the funding a few years ago.

"I really see this as a positive. I would be foolish to believe there aren't tensions anywhere but that happens in every community."

It's a scream for Dave, as movie makes its mark



Actor Ian McNeice on the poster for the film



Dave Hastings, Karen Jensen-Claire, nominated for best sound, and judge Darryl Griffin. Inset, the manor house

A HORROR movie filmed in and around the Black Country and Staffordshire has won a top award.

The House of Screaming Death, starring Ian McNeice who has appeared in the likes of Doctor Who and Game of Thrones, won Best Feature Film at the 2018 Midlands Movies Awards.

Shot on a budget of just £4,000, it involved around 100 people, including cast and crew, all of whom provided their services free of charge and was filmed at West Bromwich's Manor House Museum as well as sites in Walsall and Staffordshire.

The plot is based on McNeice's character, The Architect, who tells

By Heather Large

the audience four short stories, each set in different time periods and each exploring a different part of the supernatural world from ghosts to vampires.

Director Dave Hastings, who lives in Darlaston and is a film lecturer at Walsall College said he was delighted the film had been recognised.

Amazing

"I think more than anything, myself and co-producer Kaushy Patel are just overwhelmed, especially because it has recognised such an amazing cast and crew who worked on the film."

"There is no way this film would exist without each and every one of them who helped bring the final pic-

ture to life, whether they were behind the camera or in front of it. It was a complete team effort, and this award reinforces just how brilliant everyone is."

"As well as this, it shows that there is great talent in the Midlands film-making scene, and that you don't need to go to London, or even Hollywood to find it. It's right here on your own doorstep. We've been entering it into film festivals across the globe with our fingers crossed."

"Festivals are always brilliant and supportive."

"Feature films are especially difficult to get recognition as they are naturally a longer length, and it takes more time to view them when there are around 85-300 other submissions to see, so it's especially more endear-

ing when your own film gets picked even as an official selection."

"A lot of us are fans of the old British Horror films from Hammer Studios or Amicus, as well as stars such as the legendary Peter Cushing (my ultimate idol), and Christopher Lee."

"We all grew up on those films, and wanted to not only pay homage to them, but create our own version."

"There are lots of nods to those films within ours as well as other classic horror films such as American Werewolf in London. Even Ian McNeice's character, the sinister Architect, had his costume modelled on aspects of Peter Cushing's similar one in the chiller Beyond The Grave," he said.

The House of Screaming Death was one of 85 films entered for the awards.

Gogglebox star Sandra to be part of fun evening

GOGGLEBOX Star Sandra Martin will be making a personal appearance at a Walsall football club on Saturday 14 April.

After a recent appearance on ITV's day time show Loose Women, committee members from Darlaston Town (1874) approached Gogglebox celebrity Sandra Martin with the idea of her coming to host a fun-filled adult evening to raise funds for Darlaston Town (1874) FC.



Sandra Martin

Sandra is known for her on screen partnership with friend Sandie and daughter Chanezh in the Channel 4 Award Winning Programme Gogglebox.

Sandra is passionate about supporting local community and charitable events and jumped at the chance to host the evening at Bentley Leisure Pavilion.

The evening will see a trivia-based quiz hosted by Sandra with the winners receiving a cash prize.

The adults-only event is ticket only and tickets are selling quickly so if you would like to meet Sandra, or think you have what it takes to be crowned "Darlo's brainbox" then tickets are £5 per person are available from the Club in person or call 01922 616165 or 07976 752698.

Darlaston Town (1874) FC volunteer Nicola Waite said, "She is a very funny lady and has plenty of stories to tell about her appearances on Gogglebox and other TV programmes."

Campaigners in nurseries fight

CAMPAIGNERS are fighting a council decision to close all of Birmingham's community nurseries, which could leave hundreds of poor families with no day care for their children.

GMB, the union for childcare workers, lobbied Birmingham City Council over its plan to close the facilities. Members want councillors to first examine the union's plan on how to keep the nurseries open.

Following intense pressure from GMB, including a 1,500 strong petition, the council agreed to put extra options up for consultation - including the union's idea to look at sustainability and locality provision as well as the options for closures. GMB organiser Gill Ogilvie said: "GMB have been devastated since the council unveiled their outrageous plan last year."

fires & fireplaces

Come and visit us in our new showroom

FULL FITTING, DELIVERY SERVICE AND HOME SURVEY AVAILABLE

Log burners available

Specialists in finest quality bespoke Gas and Electric fires and surrounds

Family run business

Open Monday to Saturday 10am - 4pm Closed Sundays

52 Pages Lane, Great Barr B43 6LR

0121 358 1101

www.firesandfireplaceswillenhall.co.uk

GRANITE/QUARTZ WORKTOPS LTD

TEMPLATE AND FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Cutting and polishing service available

Wide range of worktops competitively priced

Free Quotes

Bespoke...

Stylish...

Modern...

High Quality...

TRANSFORM YOUR KITCHEN

Unit 1, West Bromwich Road, Tamebridge, Walsall WS5 4AN

07807 371820 / 01922 646222

www.granite-worktopsltd.co.uk

info@granite-worktopsltd.co.uk

Concept BLINDS

UP TO 50% OFF ALL BLINDS

Vertical & Roller Blinds

New season fabrics now available

Child Safety Features Fitted Free of Charge

5 YEAR GUARANTEE

Also available

- Romans • Pleated
- Conservatory Roof Blinds
- Wood Venetians
- Venetian Blinds
- Curved Tracks for Bay Windows

FREEPHONE 0800 5875279

Open Seven Days a Week

0121 429 3169

FREE Home Quote. FAST Delivery

Sex pest in web profile sting jailed for a year

A MAN has been jailed for attempting to groom a 13-year-old girl over the internet with the intention of having sex with her. What 41-year-old Lee Bowen did not know was that the teenager did not exist and instead he had been lured into a trap by a member of an action group called Keeping Kids Safe, a court heard.

The factory worker, from Walsall, communicated with the decoy for a month before suggesting they met, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting.

An internet profile had been created by the group under the name of Penny, who was allegedly from Nottinghamshire, and initially given an age of 14, despite users having to be 18 or over to use the site, Wolverhampton Crown court heard.

Bowen remarked on her age and the decoy replied she was really 13, not 14, the court heard.

Following the first communication on January 3, they messaged each other over the next four or five weeks, and Bowen eventually sent 'her' a picture of his private parts.

During their messaging he several times referred to the age gap between them and initially said he would not meet her until she was 17 but then they talked about meeting up at KFC for food. "The defendant then took things to a higher level, talking about kissing her, playing with her and having sex in the back of his car," said Mr Spratt.

Bowen arranged to meet 'Penny' at the Merry Hill public house on February 11 but was instead met by police officers who arrested him.

Bowen, of Southbourne Avenue, Walsall, admitted attempting to meet a girl under the age of 16 with a view to grooming her. He was jailed for 12 months and made the subject of a sexual harm prevention order for 10 years.

M6 Junction 10 plan on agenda

MAJOR plans to develop Junction 10 on the M6 were on the agenda for council bosses.

THE project to improve the heavily-congested route between Walsall and Wolverhampton was addressed at Walsall Council's upcoming Cabinet meeting yesterday, Wednesday.

They also talked through plans for new railway stations at Willenhall and Darlaston along with the expansion of parking provision at Bloxwich North railway station.

Councillor Lee Jeavons said: "A modern transport network is vital to support inward investment for Walsall. It's vital for jobs but also for the safety of residents."

Michael and Josie net jobs at Saddlers



The young workers at Walsall FC

TWO young people with disabilities who were struggling to find work have netted a job at Walsall Football Club.

Michael Gladstone, aged 25 from Walsall, who has cerebral palsy, and Josie Fisher, 19 from Bloxwich, who has a physical disability, were provided with one-to-one support, after seeking help from Walsall Council's Adult Social Care Employment Services team.

The team is part of Black Country Impact, which helps unemployed young adults aged 16 to 29 overcome

their barriers to find work, training or education. Michael successfully completed an event planning course and now works as a match day steward, while Josie completed both SIA and CCTV training and secured a role as a security and hospitality officer.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, deputy leader of Walsall Council, said: "We have enabled Michael and Josie to overcome their barriers in order to move into sustainable employment whilst also ensuring local business has a skilled workforce fit for purpose."

"I urge other young adults to get in

contact to take advantage of the help on offer." Josie added: "My advisor, Manjula, stood by me and helped me with everything, when I needed it the most."

"The support I received from Manjula, Adult Social Care and Black Country Impact was brilliant."

"The biggest thing they have helped me with is my confidence. This is my first job and I have now settled in and am enjoying the role." For help finding work, education or training, call Impact on 01922 654364 or follow @Impact_Walsall on Twitter.

£360,000 cash boost for community project

VOLUNTEERS at a vandal-hit community project for adults with learning disabilities are celebrating after receiving more than £360,000.

Five years ago, the Goscote Greenacres Community Garden project was set up to support adults with physical and learning disabilities, as well as address issues such as isolation and loneliness amongst the elderly.

The site is also used by residents, school groups and others from social care and inclusion communities to encourage local people who share common interests and experiences to grow their own produce by coming together in a safe, interesting and social environment. Now, a total of £360,313 has been awarded in National Lottery money through the Big Lottery Fund.

Inclusion

It comes after thieves targeted the garden three times in a single week in July last year when a hosepipe and four hanging baskets, which had been arranged with flowers by users of the community garden, were stolen.

Councillor Diane Coughlan, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for social care and inclusion welcomed the news. She said: "We would never have reached the stage we're at without the support of numerous volunteers who have given up their time. I'm confident that the project can now move forward and enrich the lives of our residents who use and support the service."

"We hope that the Goscote Greenacres Community Garden project is a model that can be replicated in other communities with similar issues."

Until now, the project has received its funding direct from the local authority, after being launched by Wal-



The Goscote Greenacres community garden celebrate its lottery funding. Back, from left, Karam Kaur, Jamie Patrick, Henry Cartwright, Peter Weston, Dave Bengel and front left, Councillor Diane Coughlan and Paul Mason

sall Council Adult Social Care service in partnership with Walsall Adult Community College. But with support from the Big Lottery Fund guaranteed, the committee that oversees the initiative can now move forward with plans to further develop the grounds surrounding the Goscote Centre.

This includes maximising the site and ensuring all 42 plots are occupied by local residents and groups and

continuing with its volunteer scheme, which currently includes 17 volunteers working on site - 14 of whom have a registered disability.

Work experience opportunities will also be given to local people while a vegetable scheme will be introduced for people who are housebound or have poor mobility. The council are now working with the project partners to establish the project's next steps.

Other benefits include maintaining fishing rights with disabled access to the adjacent Wyrley and Essington Canal, generating revenue by selling locally grown produce in the farm shop and working in partnership with the Goscote Centre to help maintain walkways and provide educational sessions on horticulture for the benefit of adults with complex learning disabilities.

One-way traffic due with works

A MAIN road will become one-way for a month when a roadworks scheme gets under way.

Traffic will only run north on Thornhill Road, Streetly, between the junctions of Chester Road and Hardwick Road between April 3 and April 29. Drivers have been warned to expect major disruption during the works as restrictions will be in place 24 hours a day.

Comex will be carrying out work on to install a telecomms duct on behalf of Virgin Media along the route which passes Sutton Park. Traffic regularly backs up at the busy island on Thornhill Road at peak times.

No burial fees for under-16s

FEEES will not be charged for the burial or cremation of any child under the age of 16.

Walsall Council has announced it has agreed to remove the fee citing it "only right and proper" that the existing burial and cremation fees in the borough were waived.

Councillor Ian Shires, portfolio holder for community, leisure and culture said: "Dealing with the death of a baby or a child is simply devastating."

"The council does not want to add to the stress of grieving parents at such a time. It is the least we can do."

Cash and chickens stolen during raid

CASH and chickens were stolen by bogus officials from the home of a 'vulnerable' elderly couple.

Three men struck at the home in Great Wyrley last week - claiming to be from the water board and that the homeowners needed help with their water at 2.30pm last Tuesday.

While one was in conversation with a lady, two men are believed to have entered the property and stolen cash, a handbag and two blue-crested chickens. All three men wore hi-vis jackets and Wellington boots. Call police on 101 with any information.

Strategy to help homeless people

A NEW strategy to tackle homelessness in Walsall has been developed. Walsall Council says prevention is at the heart of the plan.

The partnership will deploy a variety of approaches, including early interventions to help reduce and prevent homelessness. In addition it will look to remodel temporary accommodation and provide a comprehensive housing first service for rough sleepers in the town.

ADVERTISEMENT

Has Your Double Glazing Steamed Up?

Established for over a decade Cloudy2Clear windows have become a leading company for glass replacement. Issues with double glazing can often be gradual and may only be noticed during a clear sunny day or during the winter. A failed glass unit may no longer provide you with the protection you need or be energy efficient. Why not spend a few minutes checking your home to see if you have any

failed double glazing? If you act now you can avoid these problems.

Now, you may think you need to replace the whole window including the frames and all the hardware, however Cloudy2Clear have come up with a simple and cost saving solution... Just replace the glass!!

If you see condensation in your windows just visit our website or give us a call on 0800 61 21 118. We will send out our highly

experienced engineers for a free no obligation quote. A Cloudy2Clear quote takes on average no longer than 20 minutes. Once the quote is completed, we will sit down with you and explain the problem and tell you how we can fix it. With years of experience Cloudy2Clear have a wealth of knowledge and are recognised as a Which Trusted Trader, plus our work is backed

by an industry leading 25 year guarantee. Cloudy2Clear also replace faulty locks handles and hinges on all windows and doors.

Your friendly local Cloudy2Clear specialist is Brian Stanley and he services Walsall & the surrounding areas.

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118.



Cloudy2Clear Windows... Service With A Smile!

Cloudy2Clear Are A... **Which? Trusted Trader**

All Glazing Backed By Our **25 YEAR GUARANTEE**

Priority Freephone **0800 61 21 118**
www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?  

IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Badger cull issue is not all black and white

UNSURPRISINGLY, public opinion is divided over plans to extend the badger cull to include Staffordshire.

On the one hand, the animal rights activists say that the mass killing of wildlife is barbaric and unscientific. On the other are the farmers, who say that thousands more cattle will have to be slaughtered unless something is done about bovine TB which is being spread by badgers.

Experience tells me it's wise to sit on the fence with this one. That's the trouble with badgers. It's never a black and white issue.

...

LET'S get this right. West Midlands Police no longer has police stations in Walsall and Dudley, two of the biggest towns in the force area. It is also planning to shut down a further 24 stations, which will leave many of our suburban and village communities without a base, saving the force an estimated £5 million a year.

Police and crime commissioner David Jamieson says the cuts are necessary to protect the number of officers as the force faces a squeeze on finances.

"It's important to remember policing is about people not buildings," he says.

I was almost convinced. But then we get the bombshell that they are planning to spend £56 million on refurbishing the police stations in Wolverhampton and West Bromwich, as well as completely redeveloping the one at Brierley Hill.

I'm sure these new-look police stations will be very nice, but I can't help but think that anybody who gets beaten up, mugged or stabbed in the centre of Walsall or Dudley would prefer a police station within walking distance. Even if it hasn't had a refurb.

...

WHAT is it with kids today? According to a survey, they are turning their back on alcohol and bingeing instead on coffee.

One in five millennials describes themselves as teetotal, and those that do drink average just two-and-a-half pints a week. Which explains why there were 6,000 pub closures between 2011 and 2016, and 2,000 new coffee shops opening over the same time. I suppose that is a good thing, but I do wonder about this generation.

They wander around, headphones in the ears, oblivious to what is going on around them; bottle of water in the one and mobile phone in the other. And their idea of a good time involves sitting in Starbucks quaffing bucket-sized mugs of extra-strong coffee, often glued to their computer screens. Probably posting stuff on Twitter about Brexit or something.

Their parents must be tearing their hair out, hoping they will grow out of it.

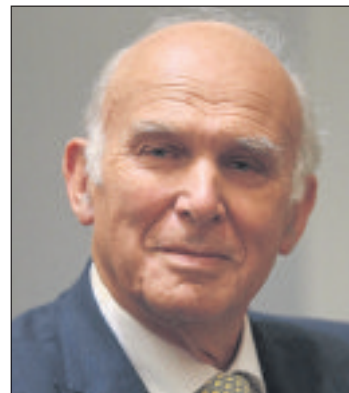
As the new 'Millionaire' host Clarkson gets some tips



Stephen Hawking – admired, cherished and respected by so many millions



Jeremy Clarkson – back on TV after altercation ended his BBC career



Vince Cable – says many older folk who opted for Brexit, "driven by nostalgia"

Best advice Jeremy: Watch what you say

AS part of his readmission to terrestrial television and civilised society, Jeremy Clarkson is to be the new host of Who Wants to be a Millionaire (ITV). In view of the unpleasant altercation with a producer which ended his BBC career, the great and good have been queuing up to offer the former Top Gear presenter advice. If Clarkson can avoid shouting "You lazy Irish ----!" at Celtic colleagues and punching them in the mouth, that'll help.

SO farewell, Stephen Hawking. Never in the field of modern science has one man been so admired, cherished and respected by so many millions of people who hadn't a clue what he was on about.

I AM taken to task for suggesting that in Black Country dialect, Barclays Bank might be pronounced "bonk." A reader insists that while "bonk" would be used to describe a hill or steep rise, a high-street bank is "bank." To make things entirely clear, he adds that "bankers" is pronounced as "them robbleddoggin' piggantinn' wammels." I am much obliged.

VINCE Cable says many older folk who opted for Brexit, "were driven by a nostalgia for a world where passports were blue, faces were white and the world was coloured imperial pink." Really? And how many older citizens has the Lib-Dem leader interviewed to arrive at this curious conclusion? Might it not be that older voters remember voting for a free-trade area of six nations, ended up in a superstate of 27 countries and decided this was no place for the UK to be? To lump all Brexit voters into the white-face, pink-map brigade is as foolish as suggesting that young people voted Remain because they're all a bunch of wimps, frit to

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



death of change and terrified by a challenge. Clearly, a ludicrous notion.

I REFERRED recently to the strange names used in television crime dramas. (Cormoran Strike, Kip Glaspie, etc) Walking past a canal I noticed the site where chemical toilets are discharged. What a great name for a detective it would make. Introducing Elsan Point.

THIS eternally slow spring reminds me of a conversation with an old chap on the harbour wall at Axmouth some years ago when the rain was hammering down from a leaden March sky rather like this week's. "Summer must come," he intoned with a wise smile. That year, it didn't.

AFTER campaigns, such as March4Women, NotMyJob and International Women's Day, I am made shamefully aware how many women seem to be desperately unhappy about the unfairness of being female and, presumably, think being a bloke is much easier. I am therefore delighted to announce the Tofad Programme. It is inspired by the "empathy bellies" worn by some caring, considerate men who want to know how it feels to be pregnant, and hobble around wearing a padded suit with a weighted, swollen abdomen. Under the Tofad Programme, women can become a man for 24 hours. Firstly, they will be surgically equipped with a fully functioning male thingy. Next, they will get a large injection of testosterone which will not only make the thingy work, but also make them fantasise about sex

20 times a day which is apparently the average for a young male (in later life one's thoughts turn to flatpack). And then, perked up by the male hormone and equipped with this curious appendage which cannot decide whether it's a battering ram or the last turkey in the shop, they will be released into society.

I BELIEVE women would come away from the Tofad (Todger For A Day) experience with a much better understanding of the male of the species. They might come to see men not as rampaging beasts but as models of restraint. On the other hand, they may thoroughly enjoy the experience and refuse to hand back the equipment. The NHS has the devil of a job getting old crutches back, so you can imagine the problem.

WAS anyone else of a certain age surprised by the oft-repeated safety warnings from the gunpowder makers in Lucy Worsley's Fireworks for a Tudor Queen (BBC4)? When I was a lad, you could buy a chemistry set at your local toy shop which not only contained the ingredients for gunpowder but also the instructions on how to blend it. While the Beeb's experts mixed gunpowder cautiously with a non-metallic stirrer, we merrily whisked ours up with a teaspoon. It really is amazing that so many men now drawing a pension have a full complement of fingers and toes.

STILL on weapons of mass destruction, how strange it is that the NHS, which is constantly wagging its finger and warning us of the long-term dangers of booze and baccy, waited a week before suggesting it might be an idea for people close to the Salisbury nerve-agent attack to wash their clothes.

TALKING POINT



Blink and all our city shops will be gone . . .

Years ago when my daughter was small I would make a lot of her clothes. I always found sewing quite relaxing.

Nothing complicated, just simple little dresses in fun material. She loved them. But I remember when her age suddenly – it seemed that way to me as her mother – went into double figures she asked that instead of home-made could she shop with her friends and go to the 'teenage clothes shops'. This was not so much to buy, but more to check out the latest fashions and have a giggle with her friends. That was when 'going into town' was a fun day out.

How things have changed over the years and sadly now quicker than ever. So many stores seem to be struggling and numerous branches closing down. For years we have worried about empty shops in Wolverhampton but if the big chains like New Look and Debenhams, are struggling what hope is there for the small independent shops?

I know internet shopping has taken over our lives, why not buy sitting at home on the settee with your tablet on your knee? But surely this takes the fun out of looking for and trying on garments.

Go into many town or city centres today and the number of people shopping is low, although there always seems to be plenty feeding their faces in the seemingly endless number of food outlets.

With grandchildren now I looked around for a shop to buy some material for a fancy dress costume. Where have all the shops gone that sell this sort of thing?

Yes Wolverhampton market on a Tuesday has always been great for material but a long trek in a lunch hour. Hopefully when it moves closer to the city centre that will help. The same with food shopping. There are no large food stores in the Mander Centre where you can pick up a shop. Iceland stepped into the breach after Tesco closed and now stocks a wider range admittedly but apart from that, one has to use the bus or car to travel out of the city.

All the major stores now seem to be based on retail parks, very useful as parking is easy. And maybe that is a big part of the problem. I work in the city centre but if not would I actually drive into Wolverhampton and find somewhere to park to do my shopping when many of the things I am looking for are no longer there? I don't think so.

And if I want a coffee – they are expensive – sorry to be mean but I would have one at home before I shop. Yes the internet is great but our town and city centres are slowly dying. Blink and they will be gone. Such a shame.

SUE ATTWATER

DON'T throw out costly cabinets when you can re-use them!
We Can Replace the Doors

Doors & More
Opening Times
Monday to Friday
10am - 5.30pm
Saturday 10 - 4pm
Closed Sunday



01384
293654

Modernise Your Kitchen

Lets make it happen this year - with the No.1 made to measure experts



Ask for
your
Brochure

Buy 2 Get 1 Free

0800 088 7044

www.iudk.co.uk.

Next to Sainsburys - Wordsley Green Stourbridge

'My kitchen now looks brilliant!'

Ms Fletcher
STOURBRIDGE

Over 40 Styles & Colours

Add Value to your home with our amazing concept

Unwelcome U-turn on Brexit by Labour Party

IT is said that the Labour Party is raving on its supporters who voted for Brexit, by now embracing a Customs Union and even possibly a Single Market (the key pillars of the European Union).

Former MP David Winnick's support for continued membership of the EU cost Labour the Parliamentary seat in Walsall North a ward where, like Blakenall, the vote for Brexit was around 75 per cent, including mine.

Many people are confused as to what is exactly meant by the Customs Union and the Single Market and the

differences. The EU Customs Union is a group consisting of EU Member States (plus a few territories that are not EU members such as Monaco and the Isle of Man) that have joined together to remove tariffs, taxes and quotas on goods. Furthermore members of the Customs Union also agree to impose tariffs/taxes (all member countries agreeing the same level of tariff or tax) on goods entering from countries outside the Customs Union.

So, if the UK remains in a EU Customs Union, it cannot set its own tariffs on goods coming from outside

the Union, from US, China, Japan, India, etc and therefore the logic is for the UK not to belong to the Customs Union, given the referendum result.

As regards the EU Single Market – membership of this requires free movement of goods, services, capital (money) and people between member states. Unless the EU agrees to compromise, it is not logical that the UK can stay in the Single Market and at the same time honour the result of the referendum.

PETE SMITH
Walsall

Rationing forgotten by Eurocrats

WILL someone please remind these vindictive little Eurocrats that in 1945 (or thereabouts) we continued to impose rationing on ourselves so that we could send food to starving Europe. How many months of hard negotiations did that take, I wonder?

The latest scandal? They might make some concessions so long as they can continue fishing in our waters. As I understand it 85 per cent of our remaining fishing fleet is made up of small boats and they are allocated four per cent of the UK allowance. They can use up their quotas in a single trip. So when Penelope Keith tours coastal villages and asks why the once packed harbours are now deserted we know where to look for an answer.

I just don't understand how we can be expected to hold a conversation with them let alone 'negotiations'.

CLIVE FORD
Walsall

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POST

Walsall Chronicle,
Chronicle Editorial,
51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

EMAIL

walsall.chron@
expressandstar.co.uk

Code of Practice:

Our policy is to correct errors as soon as we can. The Chronicles adhere to the Editors' Code of Practice, which can be seen at www.ipso.co.uk. If you are unhappy with the accuracy of a



story, write to The Editor, Chronicles, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

Help me to remember Small Faces

MY name's Guy Mowbray from Sheffield. I'm a writer and musician, finishing a detailed book about The Small Faces (Steve Marriott etc) on tour: 1965-1969.

I'm looking to speak with fans who remember a gig on March 18, 1967 at The Gaumont, Wolverhampton. On the bill were: Roy Orbison with The Candymen, The Small Faces, Paul and Barry Ryan, Sonny Child and T.N.T. The Settlers and The Robb Storme Group.

Also on the bill originally was Jeff Beck with Rod Stewart and Ronnie Wood who all lasted for around 10 minutes at The Finsbury Park Astoria before withdrawing from the tour. PP Arnold replaced them.

There have been some big-hitting musicians involved with interviews so far including: Jon Anderson (Yes) Simon Kirke (Free), Arthur Brown and Nick Lowe.

GUY MOWBRAY
mowbrayguy01@gmail.com

Divided nation must be given vote again

UNLESS we have a second referendum, the divisions in the country will never be healed. Only 37 per cent of those entitled to vote, voted to leave. Deliberately misleading information was paraded as fact. A second vote should include 16-18-year-olds, after all it is their future at risk.

The electorate now have much more information on which to make a decision and everyone who is entitled to vote must vote. I am a determined Remainer but I would accept the result of a second referendum. We regularly vote for MPs and councillors so why not have a second referendum on a matter that will affect us for decades?

ROGER WATTS
Walsall



At your service 24 Hours a day 7 days a week
Funerals from £995 + Disbursements Pre-Payment Funeral Plans



Simple Funeral
£995

Complete Package
£2,750

Traditional Funeral
£1,450

Horse Drawn Package
£3,250

Complete Cremation Package Special Price currently £2750

Our Complete Funeral Package is designed to take away the hassle of comparing different plans and prices for the best value for money. This complete package covers everything you need to ensure your loved one has a beautiful send off with floral tributes and orders of services as some of the extras included in this plan

01543 378 022

78 High Street Brownhills WS8 6EW

www.jafunerals.co.uk



VISIT OUR SHOWROOM:

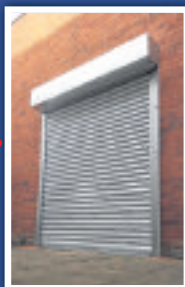


Prices starting from only £199.99

We cover all your industrial door needs from repairs, spares, servicing and full installation



Est. Over 30 years



New Release
Garador Chartwell
Green Doors



SECTIONAL DOORS
40mm insulated sectional door
- supplied and fitted -
Prices starting from only
£1050
(based on 7' x 7' or 6'6" door size)



Manual roller -
Manual white roller
doors available
from £248



REGENT SIDE HINGED
1/3 2/3 steel door - supplied and fitted with a frame
from £615
(based on 7'x7' Or 6'6" door size)
- Doorstays £30.00 extra.

All trade enquires welcome and bulk discounts available.
All prices based on white doors 7' wide x 7' or 6'6" high.

We'll beat any price

UNIT 2, EXCHANGE BUSINESS ESTATE, OFF CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN, CANNOCK WS11 0BW
Cannock: 01543 571547 Walsall: 01922 438735

Open: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-3 pm

email: stsgaragedoors@live.com www.stsgaragedoors.co.uk



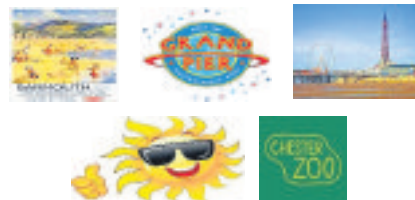
Robinsons
Coach Travel
"The central way to travel"

ROBINSONS COACH TRAVEL,
COPPICE ROAD, BROWNHILLS,
WALSALL WS8 7DG

01543 372247
info@robinsonstravels.com

2018 DAY TRIPS

Robinsons Coach Travel have a variety of great days out, with local pickups on our clean & comfortable coaches – something for all the family to enjoy.



CALL US ON 01543 372247
FOR A LEAFLET
or DOWNLOAD A COPY FROM
OUR WEBSITE
www.robinsonscouchtravel.co.uk

Family Run Business Est. in 2000

NEWTREND BATHROOMS
LIMITED

Thinking of a new bathroom?

Think you can't afford it?

NO UPFRONT DEPOSIT REQUIRED

THINK AGAIN!!!



Let us transform your bathroom

Trouble getting out of the bath?

BATH OUT SHOWER IN
From £1695
fully installed.



8 Norton Road, Pelsall, Walsall WS3 4AY
T: 01922 478723 www.newtrendbathrooms.co.uk
E: info@newtrendbathrooms.co.uk

As seen on... **one** DIY SOS

SPRING SALE NOW ON

UP TO
70%
off High St
Prices

Custom Handmade Sofas
"made to measure"

Sofa
FACTORY OUTLET

**6 steps to
buy your
handmade
made to
measure
sofa**

- Step 1**
Bring your sizes to our showroom
- Step 2**
Select from 50 designs all available as corner sofas and bed sofas
- Step 3**
Choose from over 2000 fabrics
- Step 4**
Leave only a 10% deposit on your sofa
- Step 5**
Pay the remaining balance on delivery
- Step 6**
Save hundreds of pounds when buying direct from the manufactures

5.0 ★★★★★
Reviews

Hear our radio advert
on Signal 107.7FM
and Smooth Radio
105.7FM

Buy British for Superior Quality



20 Years of Quality Manufacturing

Thomas Street, Wolverhampton
West Midlands WV2 4JS
Open: 10.30 - 5.30pm Monday - Saturday
Sun and Bank Holiday 11.00 - 4.00pm

**OPEN
SUNDAY**

01902 425 225

Leader tells EDL march organisers to stay away

ENGLISH Defence League protesters are set to return to Walsall next month – but have immediately been told to stay away.

The far-right group announced they are heading to Walsall on Saturday, April 7 but have been told by council leader Sean Coughlan 'this is not the place for the EDL.'

The group said in a statement that it was planning to march in Wolverhampton but had now switched it to Walsall.

Councillor Coughlan said: "I'm disappointed they have chosen to do it in our town when there are not any issues that they recognise in their view of the world. The EDL try to create divisions rather than bringing people together. We're trying to do the opposite. This is not the place for the EDL."

Divisions

Mayor of Walsall Marco Longhi said the group's sole aim was to create divisions in communities.

He said: "One of the things I've done since becoming mayor of the town has been working extremely hard in getting to know some of the diverse communities we have in the town. We have got an enormous amount of goodwill and we should be shouting about that in Walsall."

"Anything that comes into the town and rather than build bridges tries to do exactly the opposite should be resisted as much as possible."

The Mayor said the EDL's claims about issues in the town were 'just a ruse to inflame communities'.

He added: "I absolutely do not welcome the EDL coming to Walsall. I would much rather they didn't."



Protesters seen with their flags during a previous EDL march in Walsall

"They seem to thrive on wanting to drive division. It's very unwelcome and I just wish they would find something better to do with their time."

The EDL said the demonstration in Walsall would pass off peacefully and claimed their visit would be supported by people in the town.

Nine arrests were made the last time the EDL marched through the town in

August 2015. The group, formerly led by right-wing activist Tommy Robinson, has been accused of spreading anti-Muslim hate in towns and cities across the UK.

The EDL has previously made claims about Walsall having a problem with child exploitation and parts of the town being 'no-go areas' – both of which have been rubbish by police.

MARCH MADNESS SALE AT WALSALL FIREPLACES

LARGEST CHOICE AT THE LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED

Established over 20 years



MANAGERS SPECIAL

WAS £1098 NOW ONLY £699

INCLUDES COMPLETE MARBLE SUITE & LED DOWNLIGHTS WITH CHOICE OF GAS OR ELECTRIC FIRE. LIMITED STOCK ONLY.

WE SPECIALISE IN GAS & ELECTRIC FIRES, FIREPLACES & STOVES.
MANY MORE NOT TO BE MISSED OFFERS IN OUR SHOWROOM
FREE NO OBLIGATION HOME SURVEYS • EXPERT FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE

**MANY OTHER DESIGNS
AVAILABLE IN OUR SHOWROOM
NOT TO BE MISSED OFFERS**

**Walsall
Fireplaces**
TRADITIONAL SETTINGS

OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
and Saturday Open 10.00am-4.00pm
Thursday Closed
Sunday Closed

79-80 Ablewell Street

Walsall WS1 2EU

Tel: 01922 644407

www.walsallfireplaces.co.uk



Carer Racheal's kindness rewarded



Tom Davis with Racheal, who he nominated for the award at Ash Grange care home in Bloxwich

A WOMAN who works at a Walsall care home has received a special award for the kindness she shows residents on a daily basis.

Racheal Lloyd received a Kindness In Care Award, after she was nominated by Tom Davis, who is a relative of a resident at Ash Grange, in Bloxwich, run by HC-One. Tom stated that Racheal has a great attitude and is always kind and considerate to all. He also commented that she often goes the extra mile to meet the needs of the residents.

HC-One Managing Director, Amanda Scott, said: "The Kindness in Care Awards programme is about recognising and celebrating colleagues who demonstrate the kindest care and the best practice that we can all learn from."

The home is also celebrating achieving a 9.6/10 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk. For more information or to arrange a tour, visit www.hc-one.co.uk or call 0333 999 8403.

Over 50 job losses after care service cut

OVER 50 staff are going to be made redundant after a service which cares for people in Walsall will close due to cuts.

Holly Bank House will shut at the end of June due to proposed changes to the rehabilitation services by Walsall Council and 56 staff based at the home in Coltham Road, Willenhall, will lose their jobs.

By Charlotte Callear

their rehabilitation programme.

The service, which has a 'good' rating from the Care and Quality Commission (CQC), cares for up to 21 people on the site temporarily before they can return home and over 100 in their own home for individuals who require care for dementia, substance misuse, and learning or physical disabilities.

The service is provided by Walsall Council with Community Healthcare Therapy and funded by Walsall CCG through the Better Care Fund.

A new model of care will be in place instead where a number of short term Nursing Home placements will be commissioned by Walsall CCG to provide care and Community Healthcare Therapists will support

Portfolio holder for social care, councillor Diane Coughlan said: "Health and Social Care services to support people on discharge from hospital in Walsall are being developed. The new model of care will mean that people receive support on discharge from hospital more quickly and in a more cost effective way."

The proposed changes to the rehabilitation service have been in discussion for a number of weeks but have only recently been finalised.

Staff affected were consulted at the earliest opportunity, in line with usual staff consultation procedures.

HUGE NEW SHOWROOM NOW OPEN (NEXT TO THE RANGE)

empire appliances
SPECIAL OPENING OFFERS



HUGE RANGE COOKER DISPLAY - WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN ON PRICE



BELLING • STOVES • DE DIETRICH BAUMATIC • GORENJE • SERVIS • MONTPELLIER • SHARP • LG • ICE KING • HOTPOINT • INDESIT • BEKO • SMEG • STATESMAN • CDA • HOOVER • CANDY • SWAN



Proud supporters of
Help
Help Others

empire appliances
SPECIAL OPENING OFFERS

Telephone 01543 502536

Unit 3 Venture Centre (Next to the Range Warehouse)
Green Lane, Cannock, WS11 0JJ

Email: sales@empireappliances.co.uk Website: www.empireappliances.co.uk

empireappliances Delivery and Installation available on all appliances

OPENING HOURS Monday - Saturday 9-6pm Sunday 10.30-4.30pm

As recommended on
thebestofcannock
www.thebestofcannock.co.uk
HUGE FREE CAR PARK

BEST CARE
MOBILITY

Stairlift Sale Now On

We will not be beaten on price,
rapid fitting available

Scooters, Rise and Recline
Chairs, Wheelchairs
and Daily Aids
Also available

12 months parts
and labour included

01922 478723
8 Norton Road, Pelsall,
Walsall WS3 4AY

USE YOUR LOFT!

Bison
Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. A "gas" strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

- Fully manufactured by us in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 4 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Fitted in approx 2 hours (including making the opening larger)
- NEW: Now available in white no painting required*
- NEW: Now complete with "comfort" feet to protect carpets and wooden floors.



NEW: Long Safety Side Handles*
*at extra cost

We also fit loft flooring, lighting and roof windows.
All major credit cards accepted

the loft stairs company

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 60, Aitcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG
Visit our website www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk
Freephone 0800 389 1281
or mobile friendly 01743 761499

SHOOT!
THE ONLY READ FOR REAL FANS
EVERY MONDAY
Express & Star

www.suddz.co.uk

Supply Only or Full Installation KITCHENS or BATHROOMS

3D
DESIGN
SERVICE

We guarantee to beat any quotation on a like for like basis*

*Terms & Conditions Apply

0% VAT FOR VAT FREE QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS
(Terms & Conditions Apply)

Suddz Bathrooms & Kitchens

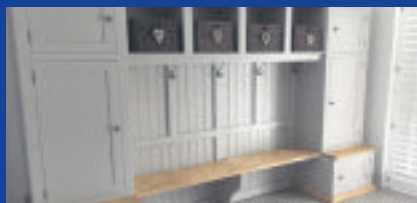
Units 2/3, Smarts Business Park, Chase Road, Brownhills, WS8 6JN

Opening Hours - Mon, Weds, Thurs and Fri 9am-5pm, Tues 10am-3pm, Sat 10am - 4pm

Call now for a FREE, no obligation quote: 01543 379670



Specialists in Bespoke Oak, Pine, Painted and Reclaimed Furniture
A huge choice of quality Furniture in our fantastic two storey showroom



Bespoke Hallway Units – made on premises



Vermont Light Oak Range



Bespoke Kitchens – made on premises



Rutland Painted Range made on premises



Kensington Chunky Oak Range



Zenn 100% Solid Oak Collection

Shop online: www.britanniapine.co.uk Visit our [ebay](http://ebay.com) shop: handcraftedfurnitureuk.co.uk
Britannia Pine, Unit 9B Watling Street, Business Park, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 9XG

Tel: 01543 379888 Email: britanniap@aol.com

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm; Sundays & Bank Holidays 10am - 4pm

www.britanniapine.co.uk

Armed robbers raid petrol station shop

ARMED robbers demanded money from terrified staff at a petrol station during a late-night raid.

Two men stole cash after storming into the Morrisons petrol station shop in Middle Piece Way, Willenhall.

They arrived as staff were getting ready to close up at midnight.

A spokeswoman for West Midlands Police said: "Police were called to reports of an armed robbery at Morrisons petrol station, Middle Piece Way, Willenhall, at around 11.30pm on Saturday.

"Two offenders – one believed to be carrying a metal bar – entered the shop and demanded money from staff.

"They made off with a quantity of cash."

It came just four days after the News and Booze off-licence in Ablewell Street, Walsall, was targeted by raiders.

Shop owner Shamim Khan and his son Romush had a 'scuffle' before the 18-year-old was attacked with an unknown spray on Tuesday, March 6.

Customers

The robber then pulled a handgun on Romush and customers before exiting the shop with a 'couple of hundred pounds' and a haul of cigarettes. No-one involved in the incident was injured, police said.

Willenhall South councillor, Diane Coughlan, said she was 'losing count' of the number of raids and break-ins in the town. "I am totally shocked about this," she said. "I just hope the staff are okay and that the police are able to get them. I've got to clamp down on this in the town."

It is not known whether the two raids are linked. Between February 2017 and January this year, there have been 100 recorded incidents of robbery in Willenhall.

Anyone with information about Saturday's raid is asked to call police officers with details on 101, quoting crime reference number 20WS/55384W/18.

Man treated after crash



The house in Shire Oak, Walsall which needed propping up with wooden beams after a car collided into it

A MAN was taken to hospital after a car crashed into a house at Pauls Coppice, in Shire Oak, Walsall.

The building was left damaged at the front which needed propping up by wooden beams. Three fire crews were sent to the scene at 9.09pm last Wednesday.

West Midlands Fire Service

spokesman Matthew Smith said: "A male suffered injuries from the crash and was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

"Structural damage has been caused. Technical rescue teams are liaising with the structural engineer and property owner to formulate a plan to make the property safe."

LEAMORE

WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES

ESTABLISHED 1983

**A RATED
DOUBLE GLAZING
AS STANDARD**

01922 473737

Reaymer Close,
Bloxwich, Walsall.



WS2 7QZ



www.leadmorewindows.com





Royston Randle gives his new chair the thumbs-up
IT'S a thumbs-up from Super Saddler Royston Randle as he tries out his new specialist chair bought thanks to the donations of fellow Walsall FC fans.

A £500 fundraiser appeal to buy the electric riser chair was launched by Royston's great niece Chantelle Walker. Royston, travel secretary for Walsall FC Supporters Club, has chronic myeloid leukaemia and an aggressive form of prostate cancer. At the time Chantelle said Royston was finding it difficult to get on and off his chair and said "as a once independent 70-year-old, this is causing him to feel down and like a burden."

The full cost of the bespoke chair, to meet Royston's needs, was around £3,000. But generous Saddlers fans quickly smashed through the £500 target with over £1,000 in donations plus money donated by Walsall FC from the sale of the 50/50 tickets.

Chantelle gave thanks to all those who donated. She said: "It takes him two seconds to get out his chair now!" She also said: "I'd like to thank each and every one of the Saddlers fans who have donated. It just goes to show that the Saddlers fans are one big family."

Donor Rob Peters said: "He is one of the good guys and deserves the support of fellow Saddlers everywhere."

Social club members hit out at work delay

MEMBERS of a social club closed to make way for a housing development are upset over a wait for a replacement venue.

Pelsall Labour Club, in Church Road, was demolished ahead of a development for 24 homes by Dune-din Pelsall Ltd three years ago. Under an agreement with the firm a new club venue has been built – but it is still not open.

By Alex Ross

In a statement, the firm accepts the the building opening had taken longer than expected, but blamed 'many issues' with development at the site.

Member Steve Lowbridge, aged 58, said: "The club sold the car park to the developers three years ago. They said they would build the club first – they didn't do that initially, built all 24 houses first and left the club to last. All the homes have been sold and people have lived in them for 12 months but the builders haven't touched the club since October."

"They've given us dates for opening but failed to meet them every time."

Roy Stackhouse, 72, and a member for 54 years, said:

"I've been a member for 54 years and have always used this club. The club got into a bit of difficulty so decided to sell, the developer said he would build a new club first."

"People that used to be here have already moved to other clubs. The darts and snooker team have gone somewhere else. It's going to be hard to get people back in. Hopefully we can get something moving now."

In a statement, Dune-din Pelsall Ltd said: "Once highways have given us permission to work at the front of the building, we will be opening the club. "I understand their frustration. The whole development has taken longer than we would have liked."



See our website to view our full ranges and options

www.glideandslide.co.uk

Tel: 01543 679202

QUALITY SLIDING DOOR SYSTEMS



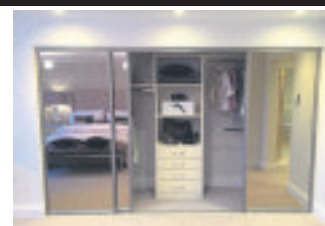
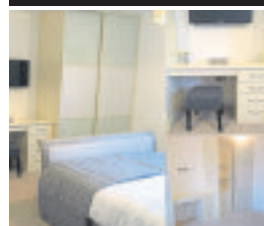
10% OFF
with this advert
(excluding composite doors)

EMAIL: INFO@GLIDEANDSLIDE.CO.UK

FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE, PLEASE CALL US ON: **01543 679202**

- Made to order, with a large choice of colours and finishes
- Delivery direct to home or site

Composite GRP Doors from £410.00 + VAT



www.glideandslide.co.uk

Unit 3, Northgate Buisness Park, Northgate, Aldridge, Walsall WS9 8TH

WALSALL GARDEN CENTRE

1/2 PRICE
GARDEN POTS
SALE NOW ON



Seasons Coffee Lounge

Homemade meals with good selection of cakes and drinks

Sutton Road, Walsall WS9 0QH

Open Mon - Sat 9.00 am - 5.00pm Sunday 10.30 - 4.30

Telephone **01922 454557**

Email: info@walsallgardencentre.com

Bus service 77 934 and 935

ShoeSave



Unit 4, Barons Court Trading Est, Lichfield Road, Walsall
Wood, West Midlands WS9 9AQ

Tel: 01543 452874 www.sho-save.co.uk



TIME FOR A NEW GARAGE DOOR? GREAT NEWS!! YOU'VE GOT YOUR TIMING SPOT ON!

The Electronic roller-door is possibly the most popular garage door by a mile. There are obvious reasons why; space saving, extra width, extra height, neat and compact, totally secure, reliable and safe, maintenance free - the list goes on... Many companies charge between **£2500 and £3000 for a Rolling Garage Door. But when it comes to quality and price, We are possibly the best in the UK - by a mile!! We are one of the biggest UK door manufacturers. You will see, with us you will save yourselves £££s for a truly fantastic new door.

****£2500! OUR PRICE £875!!**

NOW ONLY £799

INCLUDING FITTING: LIMITED TIME ONLY



PREPARE TO BE IMPRESSED:

- Totally bespoke, made to measure!!
- We take away your old door FREE OF CHARGE
- Top quality electric operated rolling garage door
- Double skinned top quality insulated aluminium
- Totally maintenance free
- So neat & compact & space saving, giving you extra width & extra height
- White as standard, other colours available
- Roller garage doors, absolute top quality garage door, for lower than UK high street DIY retailer

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SPECIAL DEAL

CALL NOW 01376 571778
www.roller-shutter-doors-uk.com

SHOOT!

THE ONLY READ FOR REAL FANS EVERY MONDAY
To advertise in final whistle call our experienced sales team on 01902 31 31 31

Part of xpress & Star Ltd **Express & Star**

Politician calls for crackdown on poor quality rented homes

LABOUR'S shadow housing minister has urged councils to clampdown on rogue landlords leaving thousands of tenants 'living in hazardous conditions'.

John Healey said the West Midlands was one of the worst in the country in terms of the poor quality of its private rented homes, with around one in four properties not fit for people to live in.

Speaking during a visit to Walsall, he warned the health of tenants was being put at risk by faulty electrical wiring, chronic damp and vermin infestations. But Mr Healey praised the borough council for its efforts to force unscrupulous landlords to improve conditions in their properties.

"It is a major problem everywhere, but the West Midlands has a bigger problem than most other places when it comes to private rented homes that are not up to scratch," he said.

"There are too many tenants who just can't get their landlords to do what they should. In fact, one in four private rented homes don't even qualify as being fit for human habitation.

"I'm talking about properties with faulty electrical wiring that can cause a fire, condensation or damp, they've got vermin infestations."

Mr Healey said Labour was leading legislation which it had got the Government to back proposals to give tenants the legal right to take their landlord to court if they did not make necessary improvements. "But in the meantime, people need a council like Walsall to step in and lean on landlords that aren't doing the job," he said.

During his visit, Mr Healey met with Walsall council leader Sean Coughlan to discuss new plans for a licensing scheme for private landlords in the town.

Mr Healey added: "All credit to the council for putting this in place. It shouldn't be needed, but it is."

Hockey team in silent tribute to player Alex



The tribute to Alex Lees, with his father Mike Lees, centre, and chairman John Taylor (in dark glasses)

TWO minutes' silence was held despite blizzard conditions in tribute to hockey player Alex Lees ahead of a match in which he had been due to play.

The 19-year-old was one of two young men who died when the motorcycle they were riding was in collision with a Rover car on Broadway West, in Walsall, last Tuesday.

Alex played on the wing for Wednesbury Hockey Club's first team and poignantly his name was still on the team sheet for Saturday's game at Willenhall E-Act Academy against Wulfrunians.

Before the match his No 7 team shirt was laid on the half-way line while his team mates, wearing black arm bands, lined up on the centre circle for the silent tribute.

They were joined by Alex's parents Mike and

Fiona Lees and grandparents Irene and Bill Griffiths, as well as club chairman-manager John Taylor.

Mr Lees said his son had played for the club since he was five.

"He grew up in the club and I loved coming to watch him play. We were very proud of him.

"We've been inundated with wonderful messages from players and former players who travelled to the club from far and wide after the game to speak to us, which has been a consolation to us.

"People have said such positive things about him.

"You know your son as a parent but it's at times like this, when you hear other people's reflections, that you fully realise what a really nice young man he was."

Mr Lees said his son, a second-year engineering student at Sandwell College, had only had his motorbike for four months but was an experienced motocross rider.

TJ HUGHES
The Discount Department Store

THE BIG VOUCHER GIVEAWAY

FREE

£1 VOUCHER
FOR EVERY £10
SPENT IN STORE

*Excludes concessions and Café. In store only promotion, voucher not redeemable online. Valid till receipt required. Full T&C's can be found on our website:
<https://www.tjhughes.co.uk/promotions-182>

e.g. 28"
**EARN YOU
£7
IN VOUCHERS**

Calvin Klein

Soho 4 Wheeled
Luggage

- Charcoal, white and purple
- 20"/24"/28"



£49.99
RRP £150

£64.99
RRP £170

£79.99
RRP £210

BOSCH

2-In-1 Cordless
Upright
• 18V



**EARN YOU
£9
IN VOUCHERS**

£99.99
RRP £179.99

stila

Cosmetics
Range



**NEW
IN**

£7.95 From
RRP £19 - £31

Wrangler

Durable Denim
• 30S - 38L
• Choice of washes



**EARN YOU
£3
IN VOUCHERS**

£32.50
RRP £60

**EARN YOU
£4
IN VOUCHERS**

**Buckingham
Luxury Chenille
Curtains**

- Available in eyelet & tape headers
- Choice of colours & sizes

£43.99
WAS £54.99
RRP £69.99



**Memory Foam
Mattress**

- Jacquard cover
- 20cm deep

**EARN YOU
£9
IN VOUCHERS**

Double
RRP £249 **NOW £129.99**

£99.99
Single

Bradford Mall, The Saddler Centre, Walsall WS1 1YS
WK08/18 - Giveaway vouchers valid Wed 14th to Tue 27th March 2018

tjhughes.co.uk E&OE

Sailing ahead for youngsters

A SAILING charity near Walsall hopes to double the number of young people it gets on the water this year.

The Chase Sailing Club, based at Chase-water near Brownhills, will be scrubbing down their boats and boards on April 7 before they start welcoming new youngsters. The charity is part of RYA OnBoard, a national grassroots scheme that aims to make it easier and cheaper to get more young people on the water.

YS@C gives anyone aged 10 to 18 the

chance to hone their sailing or windsurfing skills and have fun afloat at low cost during their weekly three-hour Saturday morning sessions. These run until October. Sailors come from schools, youth groups and families while others use sailing towards completing Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Libby Constance, a YS@C training officer, said: "What sailing can do for young people goes beyond the notion of 'sport'.

For further information about the scheme go to chasesc.org.uk

Street admits skills shortage is top priority



Lord Digby Jones, left, with Bob Warman and Andy Street at the debate

METRO Mayor Andy Street has admitted that tackling the West Midlands' chronic skills shortage is "the single biggest political challenge I face this year."

And he has called on business to back ambitious plans for the region to take more control of education in a bid to plug the skills gap. Set to meet with new Education Secretary Damian Hinds in the next fortnight, Mr Street said he would be pushing a new regional skills plan targeting advanced manufacturing, construction and digital training.

For the plan to work, however, the region needed "more cash and more power" to hold colleges and schools to account.

Mr Street said he supported the idea of the Apprenticeship Levy, but 60 per cent of the money raised was going to the Treasury instead of being spent on training.

Despite facing Whitehall opposition, he said he would continue trying to get Levy money raised in the West Midlands returned to the region to spend on training.

The Metro Mayor was speaking at a breakfast debate between two of the region's leading political and business figures.

Facing him across the table at The Hawthorns was Lord Digby Jones, former head of the CBI and one-time Trade Minister.

Disparate

Black Country-based property and investment family the Richardsons brought the pair together in front of an invited audience of more than a hundred business people.

Central TV veteran presenter Bob Warman acted as MC, raising a laugh when he dubbed the physically disparate duo "Little & Large".

Lord Jones received a lot of backing from the audience when he called for a new law to stop bigger firms "bullying" their smaller suppliers by forcing them to accept longer payment terms.

Taking questions from the floor, Lord Jones was talking about the damage the

collapse of Wolverhampton-based Carillion had caused to its supply chain companies. Many firms forced to accept longer payment terms would now not get paid at all, he said.

"We should have a criminal charge so that financial directors face prosecution if they change contracts and payment terms unilaterally."

"Something big has to happen to help small business get paid on time by big businesses," said Lord Jones.

And Andy Street took the opportunity to applaud the work of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce in aiding the supply chain companies struggling in the wake of Carillion's collapse.

Despite campaigning to leave the EU, Lord Jones described himself as a 'reluctant Brexiteer' and said negotiating the UK's departure was "going to be damn difficult". But many countries outside the EU were keen to strike new trade deals with Britain, he said.

Mr Street admitted he had voted to remain but said part of his job now was ensuring Government understood what the West Midlands needed from a Brexit deal.

While exports only accounted for eight per cent of GDP in London, in the West Midlands it was 24 per cent. "I think a good deal will be done for the West Midlands, but probably at the 11th hour of the 11th day," said Mr Street.

Drivers facing nightly closures

MOTORISTS will be diverted for six weeks when a stretch of motorway on the M54 is shut overnight from April. The work will see the westbound carriageway from junction 2 of the M54 near the i54 business estate to junction 10A of the M6 for Essington, closed from 8pm until 6am.

Work will begin on April 3 and clearly signed diversion routes will be put in during the necessary closures, which have been agreed with the Staffordshire County Council. It is expected that the work will be finished on May 10. A diversion will see traffic

taken through the A460 in Featherstone and Shareshill, along the M6 until junction 12, the A5 to Gailey roundabout and down the A449 near Four Ashes.

Mark Round, spokesman for Highway England urged motorists to be patient while the work is carried out.

Staffordshire County Councillor for South Staffordshire, David Williams, said: "It is going to put a strain on the A460 and obviously it is going to slow a lot of things up. But if it is essential maintenance hopefully it will be done quickly."

UPTO

70% OFF

*over 20,000 sqft of
carpets and beds*



GEM

CARPET AND BED WAREHOUSE



FREE Estimates
FAST Fitting Service
FREE Parking on site at our stores



BEDS

100'S of Room Size Roll Ends

BIG DISCOUNT for Landlords



CARPETS

Additional savings on housefulls
We beat any like for like quote



BOOK A MEASUREMENT



BEDROOM FURNITURE

<p>RUGELEY</p> <p>Unit 7, Trent Business Park, Power Station Road, Rugeley, WS15 2HS</p> <p>Open: 9am - 5.30pm Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm Saturday</p> <p>Tel: 01889 579074</p> 	<p>HEATH HAYES</p> <p>Five Ways House, Five Ways, Heath Hayes WS12 3EA</p> <p>Open: 9am - 5.30pm Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm Saturday</p> <p>Tel: 01543 270652</p> 	<p>WALSALL WOOD</p> <p>Walsall Road, Walsall Wood. WS9 9AH</p> <p>Open: 9am-5.30pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday and 10am-4pm Sunday</p> <p>Tel: 01543 897070</p> 	<p>LICHFIELD</p> <p>Unit 3a & 3b, Windsor Business Park, Trent Valley Road, Lichfield, WS13 6EU</p> <p>Open: 9am-5.30pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday</p> <p>Tel: 01543 410956</p> 
--	---	---	--

The Easter SALE Festival

HARVEYS

Come and
visit our

MEGA STORE

SOFAS
FROM
£6
PER MONTH



**STARTS
FRIDAY**
23rd March

Tranquil corner chaise with sofa bed
Now **£1399**, after event **£1599**

**SPEND & SAVE
VOUCHER**

EXTRA £50 OFF
When you spend £500

EXTRA £100 OFF
When you spend £1000

**Unit 1 Gallagher Retail Park, Axletree Way,
Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 9QY, 01215 055 722**

After event price applies From 11/4/16. Price includes £100 spend and save voucher. Image for illustration purposes only. Credit is available subject to status to UK residents aged 18 or over. Steinhoff UK Retail Limited trading as Harveys acts as a credit broker and not as a lender, their registered office is Festival House, Jessop Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 3SH. Credit is provided by Creation Consumer Finance Ltd (Chadwick House, Blenheim Court, Solihull B91 2AA), is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Delivery charges apply.



harveysfurniture.co.uk



Jeff's one-man show to help raise Grange funds

HI-DE-HI! star Jeffrey Holland is going back to his roots to put on a one man show to raise money for a group in desperate need of money.

He started acting with The Grange Players in Walsall and now, as a patron for them, they need his help after racking up a £60,000 maintenance bill for their base in Broadway North which threatens the group's existence.

He will be putting on two performances of the one-man performance he co-wrote alongside the award-winning playwright Gail Louw called *And This Is My Friend Mr Laurel*.

Holland will play the part of Stan Laurel as he looks back over years he has had with Oliver Hardy and recounts one of the greatest cinematic partnerships of all time.

Enthusiasm

There are 150 tickets available for each performance at 8pm on June 8 and 9 that cost £10 at Aldridge Youth Theatre, Noddy Park Road.

He said: "It means an awful lot to me. I started my acting at the Grange and went on from there to do professional acting. It is heart breaking but there is a lot of enthusiasm around fundraising. My performances are just the tip of the iceberg. It really is the least I can do. We go back a long way. Once they get back on their feet, it will be fine. It is the only kind of theatre in the area, it is unique."

He started with the players when he was 17 in 1965. To help raise more



Temporary chairman Pete Smith outside the Grange Playhouse

money, a quiz is being held on at 7.30pm on March 23 at The Saddlers in Walsall plus they are doing a performance of *Funny Money* at Bloxwich Library Theatre at 7.45pm from May 18 to 26 but not including Sunday.

She said: "We have already started work, which is fantastic."

"We are still short of our total but at least we have managed to raise enough

to start the wheels in motion. We have also managed to secure a venue to bring our audiences our first play of the season."

"We are very excited to be able to do this, it will also help raise much needed funds for the theatre."

Tickets for the shows can be bought by contacting 07909 036835 or emailing box.office@grangeplayers.co.uk

Spring Specials



from your local family carpet specialist

YOU WON'T FIND A CARPET CHEAPER! CARPET YOUR ROOM from £49

LARGE CHOICE OF SIZES and colours

FREE home visit. Choose your carpet in the comfort of your own home

CRS is a Family run business with over 40 years experience. Our Reputation is built on providing the lowest possible prices and the best customer service



OUR GOLD SERVICE

We will send out an experienced estimator to your home with a complete range of samples. You can choose your carpet in the comfort of your own home. We will then send TWO fitters who will move furniture, remove your old carpets and fit your new carpet.

- ask for full details

100's of room size carpets from £49

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY on all roll ends

LANDLORDS SPECIAL Now from £5 sqm

1/2 PRICE UNDERLAY on all April orders

CARPET UPLIFT AND REMOVAL SERVICE AVAILABLE

HOME TWIST - large choice of colours £6 sqm

Carpet Roll Sales

Day Street, WALSALL WS2 8EJ Telephone: 01922 621800 (NEAR WALSALL LEATHER MUSEUM)

Unit 4A Martindale, Hawks Green, CANNOCK, Staffs WS11 7XL Tel: 01543 431321

2-3 The Parade, Cannock Rd, WOLVERHAMPTON Telephone: 01902 733366

WALSALL STORE IS OPEN SUNDAYS 10-4PM web: www.crscannock.com



Willenhall & Wolverhampton MOBILITY & STAIRLIFTS

NOW OPEN



Quality Products Great Service Low Prices

Healthcare Seating Specialists

Stairlifts - Rent or Buy Scooters - New & Used FREE PARKING

10 The Woodlands Short Heath WILLENHALL WV12 5ND

01922 400344

HALF PRICE SUBSCRIPTION OFFER JUST £2.00 PER MONTH (INC. P&P)



To subscribe call our free customer care hotline on 0800 146 540

Overseas 12-month gift subscriptions are available from: Europe £73.56, rest of the world £110.76 (Includes P&P, Direct Debit or Pre-payment)

WOLVERHAMPTON
MAGAZINE

Legalise cannabis to stop the pain, says MP

MP Michael Fabricant has made a desperate plea for Parliament to legalise cannabis for medicinal purposes.

The Lichfield Conservative, whose constituency includes Burntwood, said: "If a doctor says that cannabis is the only cure or the only way to alleviate pain, surely they should be legally allowed to prescribe that drug?"

Mr Fabricant spoke on behalf of thousands of suffering patients, including Vicky Clarke, from Burntwood, who battles with multiple sclerosis, an illness he says has 'decimated' her family.

Together with her husband Andy, they say cannabis is the only medicine that can ease the acute and stabbing pain caused by MS.

Raising the issue with Home Office Minister Nick Hurd, Mr Fabricant said: "We are not talking about the general administration of cannabis; we are talking about the medical prescription of cannabis."

Mrs Clarke was diagnosed with Primary Progressive MS in her mid-30s, just over a decade ago.

The stabbing pain she experienced in her shoulder forced her to give up her job as a teacher in Walsall. After trying other treatments, cannabis-based butter and marijuana smoothies immediately soothed her pain. But brushes with the law ensued.

Mr Hurd told the House of Commons: "They still have to operate within the law. The law does permit the development, licensing and marketing of medicines, including those containing controlled drugs, such as cannabis. The Home Office and the Government are keeping this area under review."



Vicky Clarke, with husband Andy, says MS has decimated her family

Revved up for show's return

MIDLANDS' Motorfest will return to the region next month with up to 1,000 cars spanning a century of motoring for visitors to enjoy.

It will make its return to Weston Park on Easter Sunday, April 1.

From classic American cars and European imports to 'fast Fords' and British icons, Motorfest attracts a wide range of vehicles including vintage commercials and custom cars.

The 'Decibel Duel' competition to find the loudest engine returns to the live arena. Judges will be on site for the annual Weston Park Concours which ends in the 'Best in Show' award at 4pm.

Tickets cost £8 for adults, £3 for children and £20 for a family ticket, if booked in advance. Tickets are also available on the gate. For more information, visit classicismotorshow.co.uk.

WM GARAGE DOORS

SPRING CUTS

Garage Doors from
£240*
Inc. VAT

RISK FREE
0% DEPOSIT
ORDERING

We will
NOT
be
beaten
on price!

**CALL NOW
FOR A
FREE
QUOTE**



From
£690
Inc. VAT

OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTORS FOR:-
Hörmann, Cardale, Novoferm and SWS



From
£380
Inc. VAT

✓ FITTING SERVICE ✓ METAL, TIMBER, GRP, uPVC
✓ MADE TO MEASURE ✓ ALL MAJOR MANUFACTURERS AVAILABLE

Showroom Opening times:

Mon-Fri: 9.00am-5.00pm Sat: 10.00am-4.00pm
(all other times by appointment)

WALSALL GARDEN CENTRE Sutton Road, Walsall WS9 0QH



All styles and materials available:-
Roller, Up & Over, Sectional and Side hinged
Call for further information



Tel: **01922 611253** www.wmgaragedoors.co.uk
sales@wmgaragedoors.co.uk

FREE NO OBLIGATION ONSITE QUOTE

INC*Not in conjunction with any other offer. *Based on a 7 x 7ft Garage Door. *Fitting Charges apply.

Wolves fans help to net £2m and charity record



Team mates and fans show their support during the first home game



Fans have rallied in support



Carl Ikeme – diagnosed last year

WOLVES fans' support for Carl Ikeme helped Cure Leukaemia achieve a record-breaking year smashing the £2 million mark for the first time.

Cash raised for the cancer charity will allow an expansion of a new haematology centre at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham to go ahead.

Wolves and their supporters have been thanked for helping make 2017 the charity's most successful year. The charity reached its goal of raising an extra £1m during the year to make the hospital expansion a reality – around 10 per cent of which was raised through the Carl Ikeme appeal.

The Wolves fanbase was left stunned when the popular goalkeeper was diagnosed with acute leukaemia last summer.

Shoot-out

Several initiatives have been organised since, bringing in thousands of pounds for the charity, which operates with just five members of staff.

A 24-hour penalty shoot-out was held at Molineux in August in support of Ikeme and the charity. A bucket collection before the first home game of the season against Middlesbrough brought in £8,000. Cash was also raised through proceeds from the printing of goalkeeper shirts with 'Ikeme 1' on the back.

The total for the #TeamKemes Just Giving page currently stands at more than £110,000. A total of £2.2 million was raised during the year for Cure Leukaemia, including the extra £1 million which will see the internationally renowned Centre for Clinical Haematology (CCH) at the hospital double its capacity and treat 20,000 patients a year.

The sizeable donation will make up almost a third of the total cost of the £3.4 million hospital project.

YOUR CHOICE BATHROOMS

YOUR CHOICE...FOR A BETTER BATHROOM

I'm desperate for a NEW BATHROOM
I've tried lots of other reputable companies but their prices are too high! CAN YOU HELP?
YES!! WE CAN HELP YOU

EXAMPLE FULL JOB FOR £3950

90x90 Quadrant Cubicle with low level tray
15 SQM Wall Tiles
Tiled Floor
Replacement Shower New Basin & WC
EXTRA DISCOUNT FOR OUR RETIRED & DISABLED CUSTOMERS

DISABLED SPECIAL

Are you having problems getting in and out of your bath? We will remove the bath and fit an easy access low level round, square or oblong cubicle and tile inside, supply a new replacement shower, a folding seat and grab rail

ALL FOR ONLY £2150

"Our company is owned and run by local tradesmen meaning the work is carried out properly and on time."

We strive to keep our prices as low as possible in order to keep within the budget of retired, disabled and working families which make up 95% of our customers."

We do the lot in 5 days

MARCH & APRIL FITTING DATES NOW BEING RESERVED

Extra discount for our retired & disabled customers

We offer a free no obligation home visit and on the spot price within 48 hrs of your call

VAT FREE in Qualifying Cases
Daytimes & weekend visits a pleasure

39 Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 1TW **01902 861908**

Showroom also at Unit 4, Charterfield Shopping Centre, Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford DY6 7SH **01384 287222**

www.yourchoice-bathrooms.co.uk

SHOWROOMS OPEN 9am-5pm 6 Days a Week

SYDNEY WATTS BUTCHERS

EASTER FAYRE



Plump Boneless

Turkey Breast

(Minimum weight 2kg)

£13.99 each

NO WASTE JUST SUCCULENT MEAT!



1/2 Gammon Hams

For Honey Roasting
Normally £10.99 each

NOW just...

£6.99 each

ORDER NOW!

ALL OFFERS AT SYDNEY WATTS OF WILLENHALL
26 MARKET PLACE, WILLENHALL WV13 2AA - 01902 602224

M.P. BUTCHERS

Order Now your Fresh Meat and Poultry for Easter



ALL LOCAL MEATS



Large selection of handmade sausages

All now 2lb for £2.99

LOCAL SHROPSHIRE LAMB

ORCHARD FARM LOCAL ENGLISH PORK

LOCAL SHIRE MEADOW ENGLISH BEEF

OUR OWN DRY CURED BACON

NOW STOCKING A FULL RANGE OF LOCAL MEAT PIES AND PASTIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR NEW

WEBSITE AT WWW.MUDDYPIG.CO.UK

Yorkshire Grain Fed Poultry

VACUUM PACKING FACILITY AVAILABLE

SUPPLIERS OF TOP QUALITY FRESH PRODUCE TO ALL CATERING OUTLETS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Established over 100 years

29 Cross Street, Willenhall WV13 1PG

Telephone 01902 606541



COMMERCIAL FEATURE



Muddy Pig Butchers

MP Butchers has been based in Willenhall for over 100 years, establishing a strong link with the local area and its many customers over the years.

As a third generation, family run business, they use all of their experience to create the same high quality products whilst providing the excellent customer service you expect.

Quality

All of their meat is fresh and locally sourced. By supporting

British meat, they can ensure a high level of quality is always supplied.

They combine their excellent produce with traditional butchery skills, creating something incredibly special.

One of their specialities are home made sausages manufactured on site they can ensure every single item they create is delicious. M.P.

Homemade

Butchers make homemade sausages and burgers in a variety of flavours. Their own

dry cured bacon, cured and dried on the premises to ensure a fuller flavour, with no added water, so all you have in the pan is 100% bacon.

Restaurants

They are also well known for supplying quality produce to restaurants, bistros and hotels around the area with their handmade bacon and sausages, along with top grade fresh meat.

Don't forget about Easter. MP Butchers are taking your orders now.

BETTA BUILDINGS

SHEDS • GARAGES • GARDEN ROOMS • LOG CABINS

The Dalbury Garden Room



Free Laminate Flooring & External Paint
Prices start from
£2600

Wooden Sheds

HUGE RANGE



Delivered & Fitted
from **£274**

Summer Houses

FREE FITTING



Delivered & Fitted
from **£599**

Concrete Garages

FREE FITTING



Delivered & Fitted
from **£1657**

Log Cabins & Garden Rooms

VIEW ONLINE



Fitting service available
Wall Log 44mm T&G
Double Glazed
from **£1971**

• Old Buildings Removed • Asbestos Disposal • Base Laying Service • Free Quotations • Made to Measure • Lined and Insulated Options • Quality at Competitive Prices • Huge Range

Show site (open 7 days):

Tildasley Street, West Bromwich B70 9SJ

Visit our website:

www.bettabuildings.co.uk

0121 553 4682



Express & Star

**FIXED PRICE
RECRUITMENT
PACKAGE**

**FILL YOUR NEXT VACANCY
WITH OUR BRONZE FIXED PRICE
RECRUITMENT PACKAGE**

Bronze package includes:

- 5cm x 2 column advert in Express & Star (Thursday)
- 5cm x 2 column advert in Chronicle of your choice
- Two week listing on jobs.expressandstar.com
- 5 line advert to appear in Express & Star Classified jobs for 5 nights
- We will run the line and online advert on a daily basis until you fill the vacancy

Package Price £399*

Contact Tracey Thompson
on 01902 319645 or email
tracey.thompson@expressandstar.co.uk

Stay safe campaign launched

MORE than 7,000 children in Walsall have been taught how to keep themselves safe from abuse after an NSPCC campaign was launched in the borough.

Since a partnership between the NSPCC and Walsall Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) started in July, teachers and parents across the borough have been sharing a message with pupils. The Talk PANTS campaign supports and encourages professionals, parents and carers to talk to children aged four to 11 about staying safe from

sexual abuse, with five key points. The tools and resources give parents clear and simple ways to open these conversations in a child-friendly way.

Councillor Aftab Nawaz, portfolio holder for children's services and education at Walsall Council, said: "It can be a difficult subject to broach and professionals and parents can be apprehensive about how much to share with children. These resources mean we can build resilience and protect our children in an age appropriate way."

Industry chiefs will play key role in festival



A sign for the upcoming event, at one of the venues, the Light House in Wolverhampton

A BATCH of high-profile industry leaders have been recruited to add weight to the upcoming Black Country Business Festival.

The 10 will play a key role leading their particular sector of industry as the festival gets under way next month with around 120 events taking place across the Black Country. Developed by the Black Country Chamber of Commerce and running from April 23 to May 4, the festival is planned as a major showcase of industry and commerce in the region.

The programme of events is made up of trade shows, seminars, workshops and conferences of all descriptions – put on by local companies to help other local organisations and individuals to grow and develop.

The organisers say that to raise the profile of the festival more widely, the programme of events has been divided into nine key sectors that are important to the economic growth of the area or that have significant growth potential.

Each sector is led by a business professional who is well-known in their industry and extremely knowledgeable in their area of expertise.

Sector leads are confirmed as:

- Advanced manufacturing – consultant Paul Nicol;
- Automotive – Trevor Leeks of Jaguar Land Rover;
- Creative industries – Kelly Jeffs, CEO Light House;
- Education – Jatinder Sharma, principal and chief executive, Walsall College;
- Hospitality and tourism – Andrew Lovett, CEO, Black Country Living Museum;
- Professional services, business support and communications – Ian Bond, director and head of trusts and estates at Talbots Law and Shaun Carvill, managing director at Clickingmad;
- Property and construction – Stephen Tracey, construction manager at Wates;
- Retail – Dan Murphy, regional centre director at Intu Merry Hill;

For more information, visit the website at www.blackcountrybusinessfestival.com, email hello@blackcountrybusinessfestival.com or call 01902 912304.

Digital agency, Clickingmad is running two events to help businesses to learn tips and tricks that will make their website out from the crowd and turn it into a great sales tool. Managing director Shaun Carvill said: "The Business Festival will help put the Black Country back where it belongs; at the top of the list when it comes to business investment, opportunities and job creation and also to acknowledge where the industrial revolution had its first great expansion."

For more information, visit the website at www.blackcountrybusinessfestival.com, email hello@blackcountrybusinessfestival.com or call 01902 912304.

Property and construction – Stephen Tracey, construction manager at Wates;

Retail – Dan Murphy, regional centre director at Intu Merry Hill;

Plans for 'eyesore' pub backed

PLANS to convert an 'eyesore' pub into a restaurant have been praised. An application to transform the former Scott Arms Inn in Darlaston have been submitted.

Under the proposals for the Darlaston Road site, it would become a Chinese restaurant if plans are accepted. Councillor Doug James, who represents the Darlaston ward, said the building will improve the gateway to Darlaston Town Centre.

"I followed up concerns of local residents about the unsightly former pub with the owner and was reassured that plans were

to be brought forward that would potentially bring benefit to local residents and deal with the condition of the building in a positive way," he said. "With new residents moving into the new housing estate nearby on the former Servis Factory site we have a win-win situation that improves our local environment and our night economy."

"I would thank local residents who supported my efforts and want the best for their town. I hope these plans help improve the locality and bring new life to a very notable building."

WHY PAY £1000'S FOR LUXURY BEDS & MATTRESSES



4FT 6IN SILK & LATEX TOPPED DIVAN SET
Hand-made 10.5" thick hypoallergenic mattress with hand-stitched borders & fully vented trim (stops overheating!) (18 colours available!) *Buttoned headboard extra! Every size available!
RRP £299.99 £199.99
£229.99 WITH DRAWER



NOW IN STOCK MULTY
For the discerning customer on Total Gel Foam Beds - Why pay Tempur prices of 1000's?? Available for immediate delivery. The New MULTY Pocket / Gel and Foam Mattress - Unbelievable Value. King Size 6 Layer 2000 Pocket Gel. 4 years!
RRP £599.99 £399.99
SAVE £200



SICILIAN SCROLL DEEP BUTTONED BED OFFER
An elegant throwback to the luxury styles of traditional beds. Our Sicily has a deep buttoned thick padded head and foot end with strong ornate wooden feet.
NOW ONLY £299.99
WITH 10" LUXURY DEEP QUILTED MATTRESS



4'6" DOUBLE OTTOMAN & ORTHO MATTRESS OFFER COMPLETE!
*Headboard Extra Solid Timber Bases & Construction 4 Colours Available
8 ONLY!
FROM £299.99



BUNK BEDS
In gloss white or oak effect. Heavy duty solid bunk beds complete with deep quilted sprung mattresses (Split into 2 Single Beds) Please do not confuse these with cheaper deals on the internet!
RRP £399.99 £299.99



2018 SPECIAL OFFER SUPERB 2DR SINGLE DIVAN SETS
RRP £249.99 £179.99
COMPLETE



CHOICE OF 6 COLOURS



BARON FARRAH ELITE 2DR DIVAN SET
Luxury Extra Deep Bonnell Sprung 12.5 Gauge Mattress on a 2 Jumbo Drawer Base
WITH MATCHING HEADBOARD!!!
NOW ONLY £349.99

BUY DIRECT & SAVE £££'S
(Immediate delivery or we can store till a later date)



SINGLE MULTI POSITION ELECTRIC ADJUSTABLE BEDS
OFFERED WITH DOUBLE SIDED POCKET SPRUNG / MEMORY FLEX MATTRESSES WITH TAILORED STRETCH FABRIC AND COOL VENT COMFORT TOP (TO HELP STOP OVERHEATING) AVAILABLE IN GREY CHENILLE / CREAM TAILORED DAMASK AND LUSH SILVER
OUR USUAL GROSS PRICE IS UNBEATABLE AT £599.99+ NOW ONLY £479.99 !!!
INCLUDING FREE DELIVERY
Can be joined together to make a King Size

6 ONLY!!!



SERENE 2000 POCKET RANGE
Offering the best of both worlds here with the support and back care of over 2000 individual pocket springs quadruple stitched border edges to prevent roll together, but then topped in a hand made soft touch Silk/Cashmere/Wool and Cool Max fabric - DOUBLE SIDES TOO FOR TURNING MATTRESS CARE - LONGER LIFE. Chrome glider feet and bumper edged base.
RRP £599.99 £479.99
DOUBLE DIVAN SET COMPLETE



HELIX I-GEL POCKET DIVAN SET
A Fantastic New Design mattress has 2000 pocketed Helix Individual springs with a 50mm layer of new blue Gel Air Cool Topper offering a cooler sleep than the Usual memory foam offered Elsewhere - Unique System uses your pressure points to mould you in to the mattress. The Helix 2000 also has a cooling fabric stitched to the mattress top cover to reduce heat and humidity.

DOUBLE 2DR DIVAN COMPLETE
RRP £799 - 10 ONLY
£599.99

We are the best value on luxury mattresses - anywhere !!!

DELUXE 11" THICK DOUBLE MATTRESSES
from £109.99

LUXURY HAND MADE 1000 POCKET SPRUNG MATTRESSES
from £169.99

SINGLE MICRO QUILTED SUPPORT MATTRESSES
from £79.99 ALL FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

SPECIAL SIZES
Any length or height
No problem! ✓

WILL BEAT ANY LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTE! ✓

NO GIMMICKS OR MISLEADING ADS LIKE THE MULTIPLES WHO PUT FROM £249 ON A £899 BED! ✓

DELIVERY & OLD BED TAKEN AWAY ✓

WE DO NOT SELL CHEAP BEDS BUT HIGH QUALITY BEDS CHEAPLY! ✓

New Opening Times: MON – FRI 9.30am – 5.30pm, SAT 9am – 3.30pm, SUN 10.30am – 1pm



LUXURY BED & MATTRESS

FACTORY OUTLET



01543 871979

NEW STORE OPEN IN CANNOCK TOWN CENTRE
(Opposite Specsavers - Closed Sundays!)

HEAD OFFICE: Unit 9 Oaklands Park,
Lower Road Ind Estate, Hednesford, WS12 1NB

SELL YOUR ITEMS LOCALLY

up to the value of £250 **FREE...**
NO HIDDEN COSTS EVER!



***Advertise any item FREE up to the value of £250, simply fill out the details below or book online at bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk**

ADVERT DETAILS (ONE WORD PER BOX, 12 WORDS IN TOTAL)

ADVERT 1

ADVERT 2

ADVERT 3

ALWAYS FREE
EVERY WEEK EVERY DAY ALL YEAR!

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____
Postcode: _____ Tel N°: _____

Please send to Classified Ads, Express & Star, 51-53 Queen St, Wolverhampton WV1 1ES

*Private advertisers only, no guns, no pets, no livestock. Limited time only.
Free adverts are published within 7 days of receipt, in paper and online and are limited to 3 lines maximum

Buy Local, Sell Local,
01902 317878

ClassifiedAds

Residents in appeal for CCTV to tackle fly-tippers

CALLS have been made to install CCTV on a fly-tipping hotspot following concerns from residents.

Police have been asked to implement the crime-busting measures on Forster Street in Smethwick where gas canisters were dumped. It comes as residents launched a petition lobbying Sandwell Council to take action on the road which is located next to two schools.

Councillor Zahoor Ahmed said: "I am in favour of CCTV. When it comes to throwing rubbish we are looking into that quite seriously.

"We have caught people and we are doing to take to court. We are doing all we can as a council to make sure things get cleared quickly. There are a lot of things happening and that is all we can do."

Removal

Members of Sandwell Council visited the site with the head petitioner where it was found that cleanliness levels had dipped to a level deemed unacceptable.

The inspection found that the site needed urgent attention including the removal of the leaf litter and discarded gas canisters. In response to fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour Sandwell Council are considering the request to monitor the site.

West Midlands Police have instructed officers to patrol the area.

The police were asked to consider whether CCTV could be installed at the site to deter behaviour and obtain evidence for enforcement action where appropriate. It comes as calls have also come for CCTV cameras to be installed at another dumping site in Halesowen, Dudley. Mounds of rubbish were left



An example of the fly-tipping which takes place at Forster Street, Smethwick

discarded on Shelah Road in Halesowen – with councillors saying there was 'no need' for it to happen.

Belle Vale councillor Simon Phipps is calling on Dudley Council to bring in the crime tackling measures in a bid to catch offenders.

He said: "There is absolutely no need or excuse for people dumping their rubbish at the side of the road

like this. Shelah Road has unfortunately become a target for this activity recently and they'll carry on until something is done to catch offenders or prevent it from happening in the first place.

"In a month that is supposed to be 'The Great British Spring Clean' it is sad to see that some people treat our area in such a way."

StarReaderTravel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle
in association with
Omega.



The Houses of Parliament

Departing Saturday 12 May

from Cannock, Walsall & Wolverhampton

Price Includes...

- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel within 20 miles of central London, with 3-course dinner and full English breakfast
- ✓ Admission to the Palace of Westminster on Saturday, with self-guided audio tour
- ✓ Free time in London on Sunday

2 Days
By Coach **only**
£139

Coach package holidays are subject to Omega Holidays terms and conditions and are protected by a bond held with ABTA (NoV4782). Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices shown are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twin room. Single supplements apply.

For more information or to book, please call: **03300 130 051**
or visit online at: **omegabreaks.com/RT**



Emmerdale Village

Studio Experience & Harrogate

Departing Saturday 14 Jul

from Brownhills & Walsall

Price Includes...

- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ 1 night DBB at a selected hotel, Yorkshire
- ✓ Timed admission to the Emmerdale Studio Experience
- ✓ Guided tour of the Emmerdale TV Village
- ✓ Free time in Leeds and Harrogate

2 Days
By Coach **only**
£149

Quote **OMRT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.



Hundreds have say on housing blueprint

HUNDREDS of people have had a say on where new homes and businesses should be built across the Black Country in the next 20 years.

Residents in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall were asked to give their views on a new planning blueprint for the area.

More than 1,500 responses were submitted as part of the Black Country Core Strategy with opinions given on 3,500 local issues.

Once the council examines the data, it will officially put it into place in 2021, outlining where new homes and businesses should be built in the four boroughs over the next two decades.

Thoughts

Some 150 specific sites were submitted as consideration for new home locations, as either residential or industrial development, and more than 300 comments were received on social media sites.

Locals put forward their thoughts on which spare land would be best to carry out any potential develop-

By Megan Archer

ment, with suggestions including the former Goodyear factory in Wolverhampton. Suggestions also included taking on a third of the land at Perton Park Golf Club – due to falling membership levels – to build nearly 1,000 homes.

As part of the consultation residents were also asked about affordable homes, and how many years it would likely take for the site to be developed.

Consultation on the second stage of the strategy is expected to start later this year.

The four councils are still accepting submissions for potential development sites. Visit blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk

Alfie walks on to help young Leon



Fundraiser Alfie, left, shares a bit of fun with Leon Thompson, who has cerebral palsy

A SCHOOLBOY is to embark on a 100-mile charity walk to raise funds to help a poorly youngster walk and live pain free. Alfie Baugh, aged 11, wants to raise £6,000 towards vital treatment that will help five-year-old Leon Thompson, who has cerebral palsy.

The Christchurch C of E Junior School pupil, from Tettenhall, has given up his school trip to take on the walk – and has donated the £430 cost of it to Leon's cause.

He said: "I was touched by his story and want to help by raising some money towards his treatment."

On March 30 Alfie will walk 100 miles over seven days, from Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool, where Leon is having surgery, to Molineux.

He has been backed by Wolves captain Conor Coady, and Bilston-based firm EDM Group has donated £500 to pay for his hotel stays and walking gear.

Donate at justgiving.com/fundraising/alfie-for-leon

StarReaderTravel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle
in association with
Just Go!
Holidays



Tall Ships Regatta

City of Liverpool

Departing Saturday 26 May

from Brownhills, Cannock, Walsall & Wolverhampton

Price Includes...

- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ 2 nights DBB at a selected hotel, North West area
- ✓ Excursion to Liverpool to see the Tall Ships Regatta on Sunday and Parade of Sail on Monday

3 Days
By Coach

now only
£140



The Royal Scot Steam Train & the Railway Children

Departing Sunday 24 Jun

from Cannock, Walsall & Wolverhampton

Price Includes...

- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ 1 night DBB at a selected hotel
- ✓ Royal Scot steam train journey on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

2 Days
By Coach

now only
£140

Coach package holidays are subject to Just Go! Holidays terms and conditions which are based on the Bonded Coach Holiday Group Trading Charter. Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices shown are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twin room. Single supplements apply.

For more information or to book, please call:

03332 341 875

Quote **JGRT**

or visit online at: justgoholidays.com/RT

0333 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.

Beecham Business Park
Northgate Road
Aldridge, Walsall
WS9 8TZ

@CrazyPriceBedsAldridge 0800 949 9500

CrazyPriceBeds

Great design without the designer price tag!

Unit 1, Anglesey Business Park
Anglesey Road
Burton upon Trent
DE14 3LX

0800 949 9010 @Crazypricebedsburton

● Beds ● Mattresses ● Sofa Beds ● Furniture

Mattresses rolled and ready to take away

from **£299.99**

from **£299.99**

from **£199.99**

from **£119.99**

Create your own Divan Bed from just **£89.99**

NEW

from **£269.99**

SUPER DISCOUNTS IN STORE

Beds from £89.99 Mattresses from £59.99

Open 7 days a week FREE Customer Parking Take Away Today

The ricket

🐦 @TheTicket_Star

23

The Chronicle Thursday, March 22, 2018



**PLAY THAT
WENT WRONG
IS RIGHT STUFF**

INSIDE

Let's All Go To The Music Hall!

How Me The Way To Home - Daley Dally -

Cox & Box
A RICE WILKINSON

Trial by Jurg
THESENIER'S BETROTHAL

Old Time Music Hall

"A Victorian Romp!"

Fri 23rd - Sat 24th March 2018
Forest Arts Centre
Handbush Rd Leamore WS3 1AG
Booking Office Hotline: 01922 452470
Forest Arts Centre Box Office: 03005552898

Offered by The National Operatic & Dramatic Association
Professional Company, founded 1971

A FANTASTIC SPORTSMAN'S EVENING
FEATURING DYNAMIC PROP
FOR BATH & ENGLAND
GARETH CHILCOTT

Friday 13th April 2018

Telling it how it was, the Crick, the Stories
Tim Barker, playing for the British Lions
For England as a World Cup player, and
for Crick Rugby Club

SUPPORTED BY
TOP COMEDIAN
AUSTIN KNIGHT

HEADS & TAILS
IRISH RINGO

ADMISSION £10.00 INCLUDING "BLOKS BUFFET"
FRIDAY 13th APRIL 2018 - DOORS OPEN 7.45 PM - LATE BAR
TICKET AVAILABILITY - DAVE BARTON on 07854 213869

PELSALL CRICKET & SPORTS CLUB
WALSALL ROAD, PELSALL, WS3 4BP

ALDRIDGE TRANSPORT MUSEUM 2018
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

**MODELS
IN THE MUSEUM**

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 10:00 TO 16:00

Over 30 Model Layouts and Displays
Railways Buses Lorries
Trolleybuses Tramcars
Diecast Models Live Steam
Refreshments Trade Stands

Free Buses from Walsall - opposite the bus station
Departs Walsall (Hatherton Road) 10:20 and every 30 minutes to 16:20
We intend to run to timetable, but no departures or connections can be
guaranteed - check for late news.
Parking in Aldridge Community Centre, with free bus to Museum

Aston Manor Road Transport Museum
Shenstone Drive, Off Northgate, Aldridge, Walsall WS9 8TP
Event Admission £5 adult, £2 child, £13 family
www.amrtm.org 01922 454761 Registered Charity no. 519216

♥♥♥♥♥ 01922 63 55 44 ♥♥♥♥♥

Angels

**CINEMA
NOW OPEN!**

**Now Open
Bank
Holidays**

The Largest Adult Superstore
in the Midlands
♥ ADULT TOYS
♥ SEXY LINGERIE
♥ LATEX ♥ PLUS SIZES
♥ LUBES

A VERY PRIVATE LOCATION

FANCY DRESS & MUCH, MUCH MORE!
Unit 5, Fredrick Street, Walsall WS2 9NE
Open: Mon-Sat 10am - 6pm Late Night on Wed & Fri 10am - 7pm
Sundays 12pm - 4pm

♥♥♥♥♥ **FREE PARKING** ♥♥♥♥♥



Stunningly brought to life in a spectacular new musical by Academy Award winning screenwriter and creator of Downton Abbey Julian Fellowes and Olivier-award winning composer and lyricist George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, The Wind In The Willows will delight audiences of all ages! Join Ratty, Badger, Mole and the impulsive Toad as they embark on a series of riotous adventures spiralling from Toad's insatiable need for speed!

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS (PG)
BOOK NOW

Tuesday 3rd April - 2pm | Saturday 7th April - 2pm

The Light Cinema Walsall,
62 Wolverhampton Road, Walsall. WS2 8DD
01922 841340

Playing for laughs as play went right

A brilliantly funny comedy that will have fans aching with laughter will head to the Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to March 31. The Play That Goes Wrong features the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society who are putting on a 1920s murder mystery.

As the title suggests, everything that can go wrong... does and as the accident prone thespians battle on against all the odds to reach their final curtain call, hilarious results ensue.

Hailed 'a gut-busting hit' by the New York Times, Mischief Theatre's sell-out West End comedy, which is now playing on Broadway, has won a host of celebrity endorsements from the likes of Joanna Lumley who said: "We laughed until the tears ran down our faces, it has to be seen" to Ant & Dec, who said: "The funniest show we've seen! If you can get a ticket, go!"

The show is returning to Birmingham after a sell-out run last year.

Director Mark Bell created the West End productions of the Olivier Award-winning The Play That Goes Wrong, as well as The Comedy About a Bank Robbery. He originally wanted to be an actor but spent a lot of his career training and teaching the art of clowning and is a virtuoso at shaping comedy.

CHOICE

He was immediately drawn to The Play That Goes Wrong. "It needs to make me laugh, or I can see how it would be funny. Sometimes on the page they don't look like that much, but I was at the very first reading of The Play That Goes Wrong and that was obvious - I could see where they were going to take the characters, playing off their idea of the audience - that was an easy choice.

"I honestly don't know, I don't have a method - you just read it a couple of times and see if you can picture how you would do it. I knew straight away the kind of actors I would want and how I would approach it."

Mark puts in hours and hours during rehearsals to make sure his shows are funny.

"You just don't know - sometimes it's the little innocuous things that you've put in to bridge from one moment to the next suddenly start getting a laugh, and you just wonder why."

"Usually the penny drops and you see why. I don't think anybody can really anticipate where the laughs will land, sometimes it's just a simple movement that an actor does that's funny. I would say about 80 per cent of stuff that we put in rehearsal lands and we don't have to change, and there's always a couple of things that you're sad aren't working and you have to change."

He says the most important thing is that people take their characters seriously, even in shows as silly as The Play That Goes Wrong.

"As the actor playing it,

Playing for laughs - The Play That Went Wrong



you can never show the audience that you find it funny. The character on stage has to be laughed at and not with. Sometimes you get characters who enjoy being laughed at and that's fun for them. For actors I say you have to play it truthfully, like you're playing a dramatic part. Treat it like you're doing a Chekhov play. Comedy isn't easier than dramatic acting, it's ten times as hard. You need the same dramatic truth that you have for the character but in a ridiculously absurd setting, whilst getting your blocking and your timing exactly right, otherwise you don't get the laugh that you need for the show to move on. You've got to be both truthful and a master technician at the same time - and that's hard."

The successful UK production has been described as having sets as shaky as a Conservative immigration manifesto pledge

I don't think anybody can really anticipate where the laughs will land

and a script as tortuous as a Diane Abbott interview. The show originally started in a pub theatre before transferring to the Trafalgar Studios, enjoying a UK tour and an extended run at the Duchess Theatre in the West End.

The writers and creators of the play, Henry Shields, Henry Lewis and Jonathan Sayer, are stunned that they were able to recreate their madcap roles on Broadway.

Henry Shields says: "It's been very positive. We've been overwhelmed as to how supportive American audiences have been."

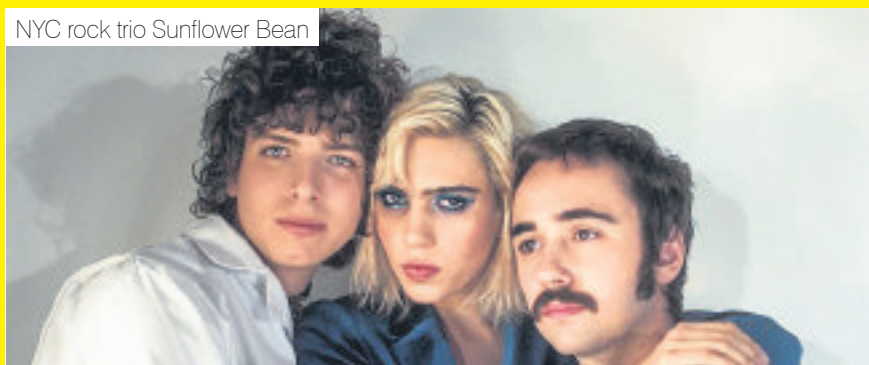
Henry Lewis adds: "We haven't really changed much, most of the show is performed as it is in London. Over the course of the whole journey of the show lots has changed as it has been performed, but it hasn't changed much for Broadway audiences, just a few terms that aren't used in the USA and making sure that's clear."

● For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Express & Star every Friday.

The Ticket

To advertise in this space
please call
Sharon Oscar 01543 465335 or
Debbie Tavner 01543 465333

NYC rock trio Sunflower Bean



Traumatic times inspiring for young human Beans

New York trio Sunflower Bean tomorrow (Friday) release their second album, *Twentytwo in Blue*, ahead of a gig at the Hare and Hounds, Kings Heath, on Tuesday.

The album gets its title from the fact that all members of the band – Julia Cumming, Jacob Faber and Nick Kivlen – are 22-years-old.

The album comes just over two years since the release of their critically acclaimed debut album *Human Ceremony*. Since then the band's classic rock inspired sound has matured and gigs supporting Wolf Alice last year have won them new fans in the UK.

Twentytwo in Blue shows Sunflower Bean staying true to their guitar band core, while exploring new sonic textures with more direct and progressive

themes. It showcases how far the band has come since playing together in their high school days.

To celebrate the album Sunflower Bean share a new single, *Crisis Fest*, the follow up to the catchy, almost Fleetwood Mac-like, *I Was A Fool*.

"2017—we know/ Reality's one big sick show/ Every day's a crisis fest," vocalist and bassist Julia sings. "Last year was extremely alarming, traumatic, and politically volatile," says the band. "While writing this album, we often reflected back on the people we met while on tour."

"We felt a strong kinship with the audiences that came to see us all over the country, and we wanted to write a song for them – something to capture the anxieties of an uncertain future."

Disney favourites to enchant the ice



From wheels to waves, icy wonderlands to infinity and beyond, dozens of favourite Disney moments will come to life at Disney On Ice presents *Worlds of Enchantment*.

Eight shows are planned at Birmingham's Genting Arena between Wednesday (March 28) and Sunday (April 1) as the magic of Disney is brought to life by some of the world's best ice skaters.

The latest show is called *Worlds of Enchantment* and fans can enter the dazzling world of Disney

for non-stop fun with four of their favourite Disney stories.

There will be the high-speed stunts of Lightning McQueen, Mater and the crew of Disney/Pixar's *Cars*, who will race across the ice like never before.

Fans can dive into adventure with Ariel in *The Little Mermaid's* enchanted undersea kingdom.

The toys are back in town as Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Jessie and the Toy Story gang escape from the rambunctious tots of Sunnyside Daycare in their most daring adventure ever.

And fans can also enter the wintry world of *Arendelle* with

sisters Anna and Elsa and pals Olaf and Kristoff from Disney's *Frozen*, as they learn that true love comes from within.

For tickets visit www.disneyonice.com or call the hotline on 0844 338 0338.

Performance Director for Disney on Ice, former Olympian Jackie Soames, is particularly happy that the world tour is coming to Birmingham as she hails from nearby Nuneaton. She embarked on her remarkable career, both solo and in pairs with John Jenkins, after learning to skate at Solihull Ice Rink at the age of eight.

Q.U.B.E. 2 is top of the blocks puzzler

You don't have to be familiar with the original to enjoy *Q.U.B.E. 2*, *Toxic Games'* immersive first person puzzle trek through a futuristic maze of monolith blocks. As Commander Emma Sutcliffe you move blocks and explore as a stranded protagonist with only a colleague on a communicator for help. Exploring and manipulating the environment poses challenges. There is a growing sense of unease. This addictive game is available for Xbox One, Playstation 4 and PC.



Magic night ahead for indie rock fans

GIG highlights include tonight's (Thursday's) sold out show by The Magic Gang at Birmingham's O2 Institute 2 in Digbeth. Check out their slacker pop anthems on their just released debut album. Also tonight, singer, songwriter and frontman of rock band Idlewild, Roddy Woomble, has a gig at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath. He won acclaim for latest solo album *The Deluder* and will also be playing some Idlewild songs. Support from Tom Joshua. The Wombats will be playing tracks from fourth album *Beautiful People Will Ruin Your Life* at the O2 Institute tomorrow night, whilst rising star singer-songwriter Tom Walker plays the venue's other room. Claire Hastings, BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year, is with Aidan Moodie at Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton, Saturday.

22
SWAN

THE SWAN
WITH TWO NECKS

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

SERVING LUNCH, DINNER & TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROASTS

Located just off the A51 in the beautiful Staffordshire village of Longdon, the Swan with Two Necks is a traditional pub, restaurant & beer garden, with cosy open fires & original features throughout.



ALSO AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR:

WEDDING CELEBRATIONS
BIRTHDAY PARTIES
CHRISTENINGS
ENGAGEMENT CELEBRATIONS

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK YOUR TABLE

40 BROOK END, LONGDON, RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE WS15 4PN
TELEPHONE: 01543 491570 WWW.SWANWITHTWONECKSLONGDON.COM

The HORSE & JOCKEY

Gareth + Jill welcome you

Lunch Bunch

12pm - 5pm Monday - Friday

2 Courses £4.85 3 Courses £5.85

Traditional Sunday Carvery

Sunday 12pm - 5pm

£6.99 for adults £3.99 child

Carvery now served 7 days a week.

Mon - Sat 12pm - 3pm & 5pm - 8pm £4.99

<p>Friday 30th:</p> <p>9pm</p> <p>Easter Karaoke and Disco</p>	<p>Saturday 31st:</p> <p>Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9am-11am</p> <p>(£5 ticket only includes entry into Easter egg hunt)</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt 11am-12pm</p>	<p>Sunday 1st:</p> <p>7.30pm</p> <p>Emma Jane Singing Live -</p> <p>Brilliant female vocalist</p>
--	---	---

146 Walsall Road, Walsall Wood, Walsall WS9 9AJ 01543 360703

Follow us on Facebook@horseandjockey in Walsall Wood

Free Saturday Valuation Day

For Jewellery, Watches, Silver, Antiques & Collectables

24 March 10am - 2pm

at St John's Parish Church, High Street, Walsall Wood WS9 9LP

Refreshments available - all welcome

Free Home Visits

For Large/Multiple Items & Estate Clearance
Probate & Insurance Valuations

HANSONS

Auctioneers and Valuers

Heage Lane, Etwell, Derbyshire DE65 6LS

www.hansonsauctioneers.co.uk



01283 733988
Regulated by RICS

CHOICE



Picasso

Picasso's Last Stand (BBC2, 9pm)

Documentary telling the story of the last decade of the great artist's life, through the memories of family, close friends and the people he allowed into his world in the 1960s. As his health declined in these final years, Picasso faced damaging criticism of his work for the first time, and intimate details about his bohemian lifestyle were revealed. Yet, in the midst of disaster, he rediscovered his revolutionary spirit with a creative surge that produced some of his most sexually frank and comic work.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Classic Mary Berry. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.30** BBC News; Weather. **12.45** Film: The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists! (2012) Animated comedy, with the voice of Hugh Grant. **2.05** Gymnastics: World Cup Highlights. **3.50** The Boat Race. Live coverage of the men's and women's University Boat Races.

6.15 **Doodlebugs.** Sketch show in which inanimate objects share their thoughts on the world. With the voices of Kayvan Novak, Cardinal Burns, Morgana, Robinson and Spencer Jones.

6.30 **BBC News.**

6.40 **Regional Programme.**

6.45 **Pointless Celebrities.** A special Grange Hill version of the quiz, featuring Todd Carly, Alison Bittles, Paula Ann Bland, Lee MacDonald, Erkan Mustafa, Michelle Gayle, Francesca Martinez and Stuart Organ.

7.40 **Who Dares Wins.** Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

8.20 **Casualty.** The day of Robyn and Glen's wedding arrives, but the groom has a seizure while getting ready at the hotel. Rash treats a woman suffering from anxiety after the death of her fiancée.

9.10 **Troy: Fall of a City.** The Trojan royal family receive a message from the gods and embark on a daring raid with their newfound allies. Achilles is provoked into returning to battle Hector, while Helen's situation remains precarious. The sixth episode of David Farr's Ancient Greek historical drama based on the Trojan War and the love affair between Paris and Helen, starring Tom Weston-Jones, Louis Hunter, Jonas Armstrong, Bella Dayne, David Threlfall, Johnny Harris, David Gyasi, Lemongang Tsipa, Chloe Pirrie and Joseph Mawle.

10.10 **BBC News.** Weather: National Lottery Update.

10.30 **Film: Guardians of the Galaxy.** (2014) A band of escapees from a prison space station battles an alien warlord for possession of a powerful artefact. Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pratt.

12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** The Designers. **8.00** Absolute Genius: Monster Builders. **8.30** Beyond Bionic. **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Gordon Buchanan: Elephant Family & Me. (R) **11.00** Famously Unfit for Sport Relief. (R) **12.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.30** Planet Earth. (R) **2.30** Me and My Dog: The Ultimate Contest. (R) **3.30** The Repair Shop. (R) **4.00** The Secret Helpers. (R) **5.00** Big Cats About the House. (R)

6.00 **Hugh's Wild West.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall celebrates volunteers who help wildlife in the West Country, meeting a woman who has transformed her home into a hedgehog hospital. Last in the series.

7.00 **Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby.** Giles Coren and Monica Galetti work in Ireland's Ashford Castle, dating back to 1228. Despite its rollercoaster ride through the ages Ashford has sustained strong community ties. (R)

8.00 **David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities.** The evolutionary documentary concludes, as David Attenborough profiles the Siamese fighting fish and the kangaroo, which has a kick so strong it can kill. Last in the series.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** The platoon takes part in an efficiency test in a bid to prove its worth, but mistakenly attacks a tea lady with onions from Jones's van. Guest starring Fulton Mackay. (R)

9.00 **Picasso's Last Stand.** Documentary telling the story of the last decade of the great artist's life, through the memories of family, close friends and the people he allowed into his world in the 1960s.

10.00 **Film: A Late Quartet.** (2012) A member of a string quartet announces his retirement, bringing up personal conflicts among the other musicians. Drama, with Christopher Walken and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

11.40 **Film: Safe Haven.** (2013) A woman trying to make a fresh start in a coastal town realises she must confront the dark past she is running from. Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough.

2.30 (BST) Civilisations. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel's Avengers: Ultron Revolution. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Dancing on Ice - The Final. (R) **2.30** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **3.00** Celebrity Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

6.00 **ITV News.** Weather. **6.20** **Regional Programme.** Weather. **6.30** **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a woman being attacked by a remote-controlled plane and a man hit by a giant trampoline during a hurricane.

7.00 **Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** Comedian Alan Carr joins the fun as this week's guest announcer, while the Georgie duo go up against cast members from Coronation Street in the return of Make 'Em Laugh. Plus, Stephen Mulhern hits the streets of Warrington in the latest edition of In for a Penny, a lucky audience member gets the chance to Win the Ads, and Sofa Watch sees more Places on the Plane up for grabs.

8.30 **The Voice UK.** Emma Willis presents the second of the knockout shows as the remaining acts sing for a place in next week's semi-final. Coaches Will.I.am, Tom Jones, Olly Murs and reigning champion Jennifer Hudson can pick only one act from their teams to progress in the competition, so there are some tough decisions to make. Helping them are R'n'B star Craig David, members of the Black Eyed Peas, Australian pop queen Kylie Minogue, 2006 winner of The X Factor Leona Lewis and The Voice UK's reigning champion, Mo'Nique.

10.30 **ITV News.** Weather.

10.45 **Film: Fast & Furious 5.** (2011)

2.00 (BST) Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

SATURDAY'S TV MARCH 24

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Mobil 1: The Grid. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.50** Car SOS. **3.50** Coast vs Country. (R) **4.50** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **5.35** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Coastal Railways with Julie Walters.** The actress travels around the UK coast by train, beginning by boarding the famous Jacobite steam train for a trip along Scotland's West Highland Railway, famously featured in the Harry Potter movies. Along the way, Julie learns about herring gutting and blowing up railway lines, and meets a traditional Scottish storyteller on the Isle of Skye. (R)

8.00 **Britain at Low Tide.** Tori Herridge uncovers the story behind a dramatic night in 1976 when fishing trawler the Admiral Von Tromp went wildly off course in the North Sea, after setting off in Scarborough and running aground in Whitby, North Yorkshire, with the wreck still visible on the shores of Saltwick Bay to this day. The massive remains of a First World War fort lead Tori to tales of love in the East Yorkshire hamlet of Kilssea, and she learns the strange fate of two ships that were built in Hull but ended up on top of a mountain in Peru.

9.00 **Film: Everest.** (2015) Premiere. Two expeditions set out to climb the summit of the world's highest mountain. Both parties of mountaineers get caught in one of the fiercest snowstorms ever recorded, and face a desperate struggle to survive against the elements. Fact-based adventure, starring Jason Clarke, Josh Brolin, Jake Gyllenhaal and Keira Knightley.

11.20 **Film: Predator 2.** (1990) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.

2.20 (BST) Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **3.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** Coast vs Country. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30** Live Aviva Premiership Rugby Union. Saracens v Harlequins (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.10 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Kevin Stokes and Brian O'Shaughnessy chase a £16,000 debt run up by a coach company and Stewart McCracken and Elmor Victor face a heartbreaking house repossession. (R)

7.00 **Cruising with Jane McDonald.** Jane cruises around Cuba aboard the Celestial Crystal, starting and ending in Havana, sampling the relatively new tourist industry of the Caribbean island. (R)

7.55 **5 News Weekend.**

8.00 **Inside Windsor Castle.** Documentary marking the centenary of the Windsor dynasty by examining the history of the royal residence over the past 80 years, looking at the tragedies and triumphs that have had an impact on the Queen and her family. The first edition reflects on the events of the past 25 years, including the fire in November 1992 that started in the private chapel and came at the end of a terrible year for the royals, with marital troubles hitting the Queen's three elder children. (R)

9.00 **King Tut's Treasure Secrets.** New series. Documentary exploring the thousands of items found with the great Egyptian pharaoh when his tomb was first uncovered.

9.55 **King Tut's Tomb: The Hidden Chamber.** Documentary examining recent discoveries made in the famous burial chamber, which archaeologists now believe may also be the resting place of Queen Nefertiti. (R)

10.50 **Secrets of the Valley of the Kings.** An exploration of the Valley of the Kings, the royal necropolis of the pharaohs and the world's most famous royal burial ground. (R)

11.40 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Film: (BST) Due Date. (2010) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Lost Kingdoms of Central America
8.00 The Silk Road **9.00** Below the Surface **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1985
11.30 Blues at the BBC **12.30** Ballrooms and Ballerinas: Dance at the BBC **2.30** (BST) Lost Kingdoms of Central America **3.30** The Silk Road **4.30** Secret Knowledge: Hidden Jewels of the Cheapside Hoard **5.00** Close

ITV2

11.20 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.50** You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 **1.55** Film: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00** Film: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over (2003) **3.40** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **4.40** FYI Daily **4.45** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **5.45** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **7.50** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) **8.55** FYI Daily **9.00** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.35** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **2.05** (BST) American Dad! **2.30** Action Team

ITV3

12.30 Agatha Christie's Marple **2.40** Film: Evil Under the Sun (1982) **5.00** Midsummer Murders **11.00** Lewis **2.55** (BST) ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.25 Monster Carp **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster. **4.00** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) **5.45** Storage Wars **6.45** Live Snooker: Players Championship. **11.00** Film: Windtalkers (2002) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15** Film: Windtalkers (2002) **2.45** (BST) ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Film: Dragonball Evolution (2009) **2.05** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.30** Young Sheldon **4.00** The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer **5.15** Extreme Cake Makers **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: 2 Guns (2013) **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Five Star Hotel **2.15** (BST) Five Star Hotel **3.20** The Inteneweeners **3.45** How I Met Your Mother

Film4

11.00 Anastasia (1997) **1.00** Flight of the Navigator (1986) **2.50** The Indian in the Cupboard (1995) **4.40** Carry On Cabby (1963) **6.35** Mrs Doubtfire (1993) **9.00** American Ultra (2015) **10.50** Zombieland (2009) **12.30** Nymphomaniac: Volume II (2013) **4.00** (BST) Close

REFRESH YOUR HOME THIS WINTER

...Turn to Classifieds

NEED OUR HELP?
Buy-Sell Local,
all in your
Express & Star

Classified Ads

Buy Local, Sell Local, 01902 317878



CHOICE



Ewan and Colin McGregor

RAF at 100 with Ewan and Colin McGregor (BBC1, 8.30pm)
The actor and his former pilot brother present a celebration of the Royal Air Force's centenary, taking to the skies in iconic planes from the First World War to the present day. They also meet service personnel from throughout the RAF's history, including a veteran of the Battle of Britain, former female members of the Air Transport Auxiliary, crew members who had the responsibility of dropping the atom bomb, modern-day Typhoon fighter crews, and the last pilot to be involved in a dogfight.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** BBC News; Weather. **12.30** MasterChef. (R) **1.30** MasterChef. (R) **2.30** MasterChef. (R) **3.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.00** Regional Programme. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Sport Relief 2018: The Best Bits.
6.05 **BBC News.**
6.20 **Regional Programme.**
6.30 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker reports on a conservation project in Shropshire to prevent the county's rivers being polluted by iron ore brought to the surface by the area's long history of mining. Ellie Harrison visits a pop-up restaurant using only locally sourced ingredients and goes searching for pine martens. Steve Brown meets a glass sculptor, and Tom Heap reports on declining numbers of British hedgehogs.
7.30 **Hold the Sunset.** Phil fears he will lose Edith to Bob, and that a face from his past may make an unwelcome reappearance. Last in the series.
8.00 **MasterChef.** John Torode and Gregg Wallace present the first of two programmes in which eight of the 16 cooks to make it through the heats must prepare one of their favourite dishes.
8.30 **RAF at 100 with Ewan and Colin McGregor.** The actor and his former pilot brother present a celebration of the Royal Air Force's centenary, taking to the skies in iconic planes from the First World War to the present day. They also meet service personnel from throughout the RAF's history, including a veteran of the Battle of Britain, former female members of the Air Transport Auxiliary, crew members who had the responsibility of dropping the atom bomb, modern-day Typhoon fighter crews, and the last pilot to be involved in a dogfight.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Regional Programme.**
10.30 **Film: War of the Worlds.** (2005) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise.
12.15 The Women's Football Show.
12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.55 BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Coast. (R) **7.20** The Instant Gardener. (R) **8.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.35** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.05** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **11.50** Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) **12.20** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.20** **Film:** Bringing Up Baby. (1938) Screwball comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. **3.00** Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago. (R) **4.00** The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives. (R) **5.00** **Film:** Real Steel. (2011) Sci-fi drama, starring Hugh Jackman.
7.00 **Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall.** The naturalist travels down the Balien River in New Guinea from its source to the sea, hoping to encounter the ancient tribes and dangerous wildlife that live along its banks and in the surrounding jungle. He begins his journey inland at Lake Habbema, and braves some of the world's fiercest white water rapids. Along the way, he stays in a village belonging to the Dani tribe and ventures into some previously unexplored caves. (R)
8.00 **Top Gear.** Matt LeBlanc test drives the Ferrari 812 Superfast, while Rory Reid travels to the US in search of a muscle car that is illegal in Europe. With guest Vicky McClure (Line of Duty).
9.00 **Reggie Yates: Searching for Grenfell's Lost Lives.** The presenter meets families and friends of people who died in the Grenfell fire, to gain an understanding of the disaster's victims as people and as members of a community.
10.00 **Mock the Week.** James Acaster, Angela Barnes, Kerry Godliman, Nish Kumar and Glenn Moore join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
10.30 **Top Gear: Extra Gear.** Chris Harris takes the new Porsche GT3 for a spin on the track, while motoring journalist Alex Kersten and racing engineer Mark Wynne chat about the future of the V12 engine.
10.55 **Film: Life of Crime.** (2013) Two criminals kidnap the wife of a corrupt real-estate tycoon, only to discover he is not willing to pay their ransom demand. Comedy, with Jennifer Aniston.
12.30 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.30** Holby City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel's Avengers: Ultron Revolution. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled!: **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Voice UK. (R) **12.50** ITV News: Weather. **1.00** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. (R) **2.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **3.00** Tenable. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)
6.00 **Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs.** (R)
6.30 **ITV News: Weather.**
6.45 **Regional Programme; Weather.**
7.00 **Celebrity Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts a celebrity edition of the game show, asking contestants Jonathan Ross, Tess Daly and Linda Robson to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clips. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000 for the charity of their choice.
8.00 **The Durrells.** Louisa and Larry receive the devastating news that Aunt Hermione has died in her sleep. As the family make arrangements to have her body sent back to England, Margo gets to work on organising a memorial service. Leslie decides that he wants to be with Dionisia, and prepares to let Daphne down gently – however, it turns out that she is pregnant with his child, and her father is determined that they must get married as soon as possible. Gerry becomes fascinated by a wall in the back garden that is covered in insects.
9.00 **The Good Karma Hospital.** Lydia tries to regain the trust of a former patient.
10.00 **ITV News: Weather.**
10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** (R)
11.20 **Film: Captain Corelli's Mandolin.** (2001)
1.25 Jackpot247. **3.00** Marcella. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.25** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Race of Champions 2018. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix Highlights. **5.15** The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Homes by the Med.** Charlie Luxton explores Croatia's Dalmatian coast and islands, and visits a gleaming white property that cascades down the side of a cliff on the island of Brac. Previously shown on More4.
8.00 **Escape to the Chateau.** Dick celebrates his birthday with a hot air balloon ride over the chateau at sunrise, before setting to work in the kitchen making his own jam and alcohol from the vast quantities of fresh fruit waiting to be harvested in the garden. Angel starts work on a new project of her own – building a geodesic dome on top of a floating platform.
9.00 **Homeland.** Saul calls an old friend, while Wellington has a problem and Carrie enjoys a win. Starring Claire Danes.
10.15 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr returns with the comedy version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with Jon Richardson and James Acaster teaming up against Lee Mack and Sarah Millican. (R)
11.10 **Film: Rush.** (2013) Formula One racers James Hunt and Niki Lauda develop a fierce rivalry over the course of the 1976 championship. Fact-based drama, with Chris Hemsworth and Daniel Bruhl.
1.25 The Last Leg. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by celebrity guests for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. Last in the series. (R) **2.20** The Question Jury. Tension mounts and loyalties are put to the test as two of the jurors go head to head in a battle to win the money. (R) **3.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. Action from bouts around the world. **3.45** Mobil 1: The Grid. (R) **4.40** Coast vs Country. Sara Damerji and Kerr Drummond help Tony and Michelle, who have lived in Oxfordshire for 10 years and are keen to sample a more relaxed pace of life in Dorset. (R) **5.35** Streetmate. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.10** Wissper. (R) **6.20** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.25** The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) **6.30** Moley. (R) **6.35** Simon. (R) **6.40** Simon. (R) **6.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.05** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.35** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **7.55** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **10.50** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors: Dog Squad Special. (R) **12.20** **Film:** The Illusionist. (2006) Mystery thriller, starring Edward Norton. **2.25** **Film:** The Man in the Iron Mask. (1998) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. **4.45** **Film:** A Knight's Tale. (2001) Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger. **5.45** 5:45 Update. (R) **5.50** **Film:** A Knight's Tale. (2001) Concluded.
7.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** The agents try to recover more than £12,000 owed by a jeweller to one of his suppliers, and chase up more than £5,000 owed by a tenant to her former landlord for rent arrears. (R)
8.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents chase more than £1,700 in unpaid parking fines in south-east London, but struggle to pinpoint the debtor. Meanwhile, officers in north Wales try to recover the £2,000 owed by a tradesman to a former employer, and in Kent agents chase £8,000 owed by a jewellery shop to two former employees. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Film: The Bodyguard.** (1992) A famous singer subjected to death threats by an obsessive fan is persuaded to hire a former secret service agent as her bodyguard, but neither of them realise the effect they are about to have on each other's lives. Romantic thriller, starring Kevin Costner.
10.00 **5 News: Update.**
10.05 **Film: The Bodyguard.** (1992) Concluded.
11.35 **Film: Whitney Houston: A Tragic Love.** (2015)
1.20 Whitney Houston: Her Greatest Hits. (R) **2.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Ancient Greece: The Greatest Show on Earth **9.00** Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **10.00** The Banker's Guide to Art **11.30** The Secret Life of Children's Books **12.00** The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Fabergé **1.00** Moominland Tales: The Life of Tove Jansson **2.00** Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **3.00** And Then There Were None **4.00** Close
ITV2
12.10 You've Been Framed!: Top 100 Animals **1.10** The Voice UK **3.05** Britain's Got Talent: Stephen's Unsung Heroes **4.10** **Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015)
5.10 FYI Daily **5.15** **Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **5.55** **Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** **Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **8.00** **Film:** Skyfall (2012) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** **Film:** Skyfall (2012) **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** Ibiza Weekender **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** **ITV2** Nightscreen
ITV3
11.55 A Touch of Frost **1.55** **Film:** Brief Encounter (1945) **3.00** **Film:** The Theory of Everything (2014) **6.00** Vera **8.00** The Cruise **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure **10.00** Murder on the Home Front **12.25** **Film:** Evil Under the Sun (1982) **2.25** Blue Murder **3.40** Rising Damp **4.05** Road to Avonlea **5.45** **ITV3** Nightscreen
ITV4
12.45 Life Snooker: Players Championship. The opening session of the final from Venue Cymru, Llandudno. **5.15** Storage Wars **6.45** Life Snooker: Players Championship. **11.15** **Film:** Senna (2010) **12.15** FYI Daily **12.20** **Film:** Senna (2010) **1.25** It's Not Rocket Science **2.30** Fishing Allstars **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.30 The Goldbergs **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Goldbergs **5.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.00** Young Sheldon **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.55** **Film:** Fantastic Four (2005) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Five Star Hotel **3.05** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.50** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **1.00** Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) **3.35** Hugo (2011) **6.05** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) **9.00** Oblivion (2013) **11.25** Child 44 (2015) **2.05** Submarine (2010) **4.00** Close

Express & Star

FIXED PRICE RECRUITMENT PACKAGE

FILL YOUR NEXT VACANCY WITH OUR BRONZE FIXED PRICE RECRUITMENT PACKAGE

Bronze package includes:

- 5cm x 2 column advert in Express & Star (Thursday)
- 5cm x 2 column advert in Chronicle of your choice
- Two week listing on jobs.expressandstar.com
- 5 line advert to appear in Express & Star Classified jobs for 5 nights
- We will run the lineage and online advert on a daily basis until you fill the vacancy

Package Price £399*

Contact Tracey Thompson on 01902 319645 or email tracey.thompson@expressandstar.co.uk

*All prices are subject to VAT

STAIRLIFTS MIDLANDS LTD

Cost effective stairlift solutions with over 25 years' experience in the Midlands

Seat belt

Toggle switch

Diagnostic display

On/off key

Safety foot plate

Seat leave

Remote control

What we do...

1. New and Reconditioned

2. Curved Lifts

3. Straight Lifts

4. Servicing

5. Repairs

6. Maintenance Contracts Available

Telephone: 0800 731 8842 | 01543 428585

Midlands' leading supplier of curved and straight stairlifts.

www.stairliftsmidlands.com

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Kidnapped: Desperate Hours, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An American wife's world is turned upside down when her husband, the son of a Mexican newspaper publisher, is kidnapped. Drama, starring Teri Polo, Esai Morales and Nicholas Gonzalez. Edited for daytime broadcast. (2011)

TUESDAY

Mr & Mrs Smith, Channel 5, 10pm
An outwardly bored suburban couple lead double lives as professional assassins, both unaware of their partner's secret. When they are hired to kill each other, the deadly situation puts some much-needed excitement back into their stale relationship. Comedy adventure, starring Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn and Adam Brody. (2005)

WEDNESDAY

Under Siege, Channel 5, 11.05pm
Terrorists infiltrate a US battleship in a carefully orchestrated move to steal its arsenal of nuclear weapons, unaware the ship's resourceful cook - a veteran US Navy Seal - and a scantily clad stripper are about to foil their plans. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal, Erika Eleniak, Gary Busey and Tommy Lee Jones. (1992)



Fast & Furious, Friday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY

Buried Secrets, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Former cop Sarah Winters publishes her first novel, and finds herself on the wrong side of the law when her book's plot seems to mirror an all-too-real murder case. Thriller, starring Sarah Carter. (2014)

FRIDAY

Fast & Furious 7, ITV, 9pm
Premiere. After defeating Owen Shaw and his crew and securing amnesty for their past crimes, Dom, Brian and the rest of the team return home to live normal lives again. However Shaw's older brother Deckard - a rogue special forces assassin vows revenge on Dom, who he holds responsible for leaving Owen in a coma. Action thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel, Jason Statham and Paul Walker in his last film role. (2015)

Famous faces show their naked ambition for a good cause

It takes some cojones to back a film, no matter how good the script is. In 1996, the idea of unemployed Sheffield blokes stripping on stage sounded like a bad idea for a TV one-off, let alone a big screen comedy.

But great films are never born without risk, and by the time it saw the light of day a year later, The Full Monty went from indie curio to major blockbuster.

While other Brit flicks of 1997, like Lawn Dogs and Face, vanished with the skill of a stealth fighter, The Full Monty became a phenomenon.

The VHS copies (and later DVDs) sold out in no time; worthy yet jobbing actors like Tom Wilkinson, Mark Addy and Robert Carlyle were wooed by Hollywood, and aside from Anne Dudley landing an Oscar for her inspired score, the film was turned into a successful stage show.

Last summer, the brand was also adapted for a hit ITV spectacular in which famous faces stripped off to raise awareness of men's cancers.

Now it's back for a new full-frontal extravaganza, and this time it's live from Sheffield, the home of the original movie.

Ashley Banjo and Alexander Armstrong will be putting together a bigger and bolder show, and they are joined by TV presenter Jeff Brazier; former Rugby International star Ugo Monye and TOWIE veteran James Argent.

And there's a load more talent joining them, from the Wanted's Tom Parker, ex-footballer John Hartson, and chef Ainsley Harriot to former EastEnder John Partridge.

They will share their personal stories and learn how to shed their iconic security guard uniforms to stir up a storm on stage in the Steel City. Hopefully they will also inspire more men to make vital checks that could save lives.

"Last year's show was a major success, particularly given it was unknown territory," explains Alexander. "But now we want to see if we can aim for an even better performance to grab people's

attention again for this cause.

"Hopefully, we're in for even more fun as we take another bunch of blokes and turn them into show stoppers capable of turning the audience into a frenzy."

Ashley adds: "After the amazing time we had last year, I can't wait to get the chance to teach the 2018 intake how to forget their inhibitions and put on an unforgettable show to raise awareness for this incredibly important issue that really can save lives."

A day after this show airs, some familiar faces will be popping up in another ITV special, The Real Full Monty: Ladies' Night.

Presenters Coleen Nolan and Sarah-Jane Crawford, and actresses Helen Lederer and Ruth Madoc are determined to show the boys how it's done and raise awareness of breast cancer.

They are joined by broadcaster Victoria Derbyshire; Emmerdale's Sally Dexter; reality star Megan McKenna and former Liberty X singer Michelle Heaton.



The Real Full Monty: Live, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Thrifty Ways to - Summer Holiday Channel 4, 8.30pm
Katie Piper presents a programme giving viewers hot tips on how to shop better for a fraction of the usual price, offering the inside track on ways to get more bang for your buck. She is joined by travel industry expert Amar Latif to demonstrate how to be thrifty about booking a summer holiday - be it family time in Tenerife or a city break in Bath or tips, as well as tricks on how to get cut prices in Orlando. The show offers handy money saving hacks and taps into local knowledge to access the best deals.

TUESDAY

Live International Football ITV, 7.30pm
England v Italy (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch is joined by Lee Dixon, Ian Wright and Slaven Bilic to present coverage of the friendly match from Wembley Stadium, as England continue their preparations for the 2018 World Cup. With the tournament in Russia only a few months away, Gareth Southgate will see this encounter as an ideal opportunity to assess some of the members in his squad, and potentially play one or two players who have previously been on the fringe of contention, but looking to force their way into his plans.

Come Home

BBC1, 9pm
Award-winning screenwriter Danny Brocklehurst is one of the brains behind this three-part family drama. Set in Northern Ireland, it focuses on mother Marie (Paula Malcomson), who decides to walk out on husband Greg (Christopher Eccleston), and their three children. The first episode is told from Greg's perspective, and follows him and their kids as they struggle to comprehend their mother's actions. While Greg juggles work at Farrell Motors, raising his children and coping with the trials and tribulations of dating again, he tries to keep a sense of normality. However, it remains to be seen whether he will be able to move on when he's trapped in the past. With the aid of multiple timeframes, viewpoints and flashbacks, Greg and Marie's story should be THE talking point for many around the UK.

WEDNESDAY

The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story BBC2, 9pm
The fact-based US crime drama continues. Andrew Cunanan

invites himself to stay in Minneapolis with friends David Madson and Jeff Trail. Although Jeff has managed to build a new life for himself in the city, he is still troubled by the ending of his US Navy career back in 1995. Meanwhile, Gianni Versace opens up about his relationship with his partner Antonio to a magazine, against the advice of Donatella. Starring Darren Criss, Cody Fern, Finn Wittrock, Edgar Ramirez, Ricky Martin and Penelope Cruz.



Come Home, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

The Real Full Monty: Ladies' Night ITV, 9pm
Following the success of last year's The Real Full Monty - and last night's follow up - it's the turn of a group of female celebrities to bare all in the name of cancer awareness. However, they won't just be looking to the men and the hit film The Full Monty for inspiration, as the programme also marks 20 years since the eCalendar girls' of the

Rylstone and District WI posed for their iconic nude photos. The ladies taking part are TV presenter Coleen Nolan, broadcaster Victoria Derbyshire, Emmerdale actress Sally Dexter, reality TV star Megan McKenna, former Liberty X singer Michelle Heaton, actress Helen Lederer, TV legend Ruth Madoc and presenter Sarah-Jane Crawford, and the issue of breast cancer awareness is close to all their hearts. But will that be enough to get them over their body issues and inhibitions as they prepare to put on a show?

FRIDAY

Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson Channel 5, 8pm
New series. The actor visits York Minster, which over the past 800 years, has been a backdrop to some of the most dramatic events in British history. It houses more than half of all the world's medieval glass, including the Rose Window, commissioned by Henry VIII, and the East Window, the largest stained glass window in the world. A succession of outspoken bishops of York have defied Nazis, married kings and queens, and more recently championed equality with Archbishop John Sentamu, the country's first black bishop, consecrating the world's first female bishop, Libby Lane, in 2014.



GREAT SAVE!

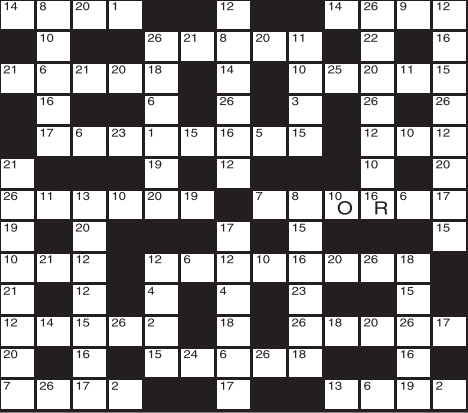
THE ONLY READ FOR REAL FANS EVERY MONDAY

BRAIN GYM

No.472

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
8	21
9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
F	H	G	D	N	X	R	U	M	K	C	W	P
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
J	S	I	Q	O	Z	E	V	A	T	L	B	Y

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

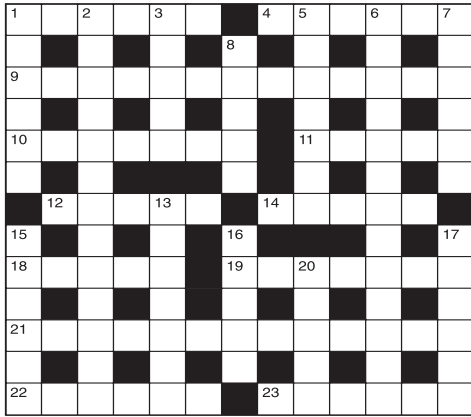
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Unsavoury scoundrel (3,3)
- This singer, given a chance, could win a fortune (6)
- A job done for nothing? (9,4)
- Listens out for recruits (7)
- Superstitious symbol of many following a gambling system (5)
- Am given little scope (5)
- Bird doctor goes round to object (5)
- Shape altered a great deal (5)
- A bone from Munster (7)
- Having the wisdom not to get excited (13)
- What water pipes should be kept behind? (6)
- Credit is twice provided in an emergency (6)

Down

- Strike for which the catering staff is responsible (6)
- Ambiguous combination of nobleman and guide (6,7)
- Entrances groups of spectators (5)
- It may be worn as a favour (7)
- What a metalworker may say when they go wrong? (5,8)
- I smoke a strange mixture, being a northerner (6)
- A case in point? Finish with just the opposite (5)
- Waiting to be stocked (2,5)
- The Spanish man comes first in church (6)
- Legally prevent poets being translated (5)
- Yet they may form a large part of the weekly wash (6)
- Three mixed the upper air (5)



Quick Clues:

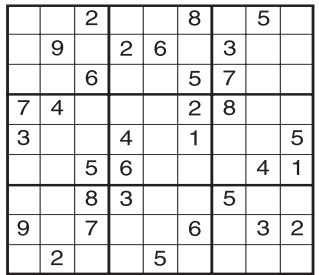
Across

- Far off (6)
- Self-possession (6)
- Unselfish (13)
- Disease (7)
- Scorch (5)
- Pungent (5)
- Viper (5)
- Cordage (5)
- Plant (7)
- On sale, cheaply (5,3,1,4)
- Signify (6)
- Pure (6)

Down

- Diminish (6)
- Mistaken idea (13)
- Taut (5)
- Delighted (7)
- In impatient suspense (2,11)
- Pester (6)
- Postpone (5)
- Visible (2,5)
- Cold (6)
- Pitch (5)
- Shoe (6)
- Confound (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	6	3	2	1	4	7	9	5
1	2	4	5	9	7	6	3	8
9	7	5	6	8	3	4	2	1
5	3	1	9	7	6	8	4	2
6	8	7	3	4	2	1	5	9
2	4	9	1	5	8	3	6	7
4	5	8	7	3	9	2	1	6
7	1	2	4	6	5	9	8	3
3	9	6	8	2	1	5	7	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Health resort; 7 Staff; 8 Acute; 9 Aid; 10 Distended; 11 Panama; 12 Dangle; 15 Recondite; 17 Yes; 18 Noise; 19 Tired; 21 Consolidates. Down: 1 Hair apparent; 2 Tea; 3 Refuse; 4 Stalemate; 5 Round; 6 Headless; 7 Sedan; 10 Dominers; 13 Gued; 14 Pistol; 16 Cairo; 20 Mad. QUICK - Across: 1 San Francisco; 7 After; 8 Train; 9 Tie; 10 Fragrance; 11 Nudist; 12 Reform; 15 Sepulchre; 17 Inn; 18 Arena; 19 Ocean; 21 Here and there. Down: 1 Shooting star; 2 Rot; 3 Normal; 4 Intervene; 5 Chair; 6 Interminable; 7 Ahead; 10 Fusillade; 13 Orion; 14 Thrown; 16 Piece; 20 Eat.

Quiz

- Whose novel Brideshead Revisited was published in 1945?
- On which Hebridean island is Fingal's Cave?
- Which A-Team star died in 1994?
- Which British coin was discontinued in 1961?
- Which ceremonial office is held by the Lordship of Scrivelsby, Lincolnshire?
- Who wrote the classic jazz number Round Midnight?
- What is the capital of Croatia?
- Who made his US film debut as Christ in The Greatest Story Ever Told?
- Which Indian state's name is Sanskrit for 'five rivers'?
- Who is the host of University Challenge?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 7; 2 La Paz; 3 Utah; 4 Woollack; 5 Kigali; 6 Opium; 7 Sir Christopher Wren; 8 Volga; 9 Vulcan; 10 Yukon.

Niner: SLOUCHING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

239211
6539689
272486

gives a British city,
gives a British town,
gives a second British town.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Star Reader Travel

Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle
in association with

Omega.

Chess

For the first time in 30 years, Chess will see a big revival in London with a star studded cast including Michael Ball and Alexandra Burke, for a limited time only. This symbolic production tells a story of love and political intrigue, set against the background of the Cold War in the late 1970s/early 1980s.

This epic musical love story features music by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson (former ABBA stars and songwriters) and lyrics by Tim Rice (famed for Jesus Christ Superstar, The Lion King and Evita).

London Theatre Break

2 Days By Coach - Matinee

Departing Saturday 12 May

from Cannock, Walsall & Wolverhampton

Price Includes...

- Return coach travel
- 1 night dinner, bed and breakfast at our selected hotel in the Heathrow area
- Chess theatre ticket - Upper Circle (matinee performance)
- Free time in London

2 Days By Coach only
£139



CHESS
Benny Andersson • Tim Rice • Björn Ulvaeus
PRODUCED BY JONATHAN WATKINS
LONDON COLLEGE

Strictly Ballroom

This passionate production is based on Baz Luhrmann's iconic film Strictly Ballroom. Set in Australia, this musical tells the story of championship ballroom dancer Scott as he decides to break the rules teaming up with his uncoordinated partner Fran and developing his own choreography in the aim of winning a prestigious dance competition.

Enjoy classic songs like Love is in the Air, Perhaps Perhaps Perhaps and Time After Time alongside a variety of catchy new numbers and sensationally choreographed routines that are sure to entertain.

London Theatre Break

2 Days By Coach - Matinee

Departing Saturday 12 May

from Cannock, Walsall & Wolverhampton

Price Includes...

- Return coach travel
- 1 night dinner, bed and breakfast at our selected hotel in the Heathrow area
- Strictly Ballroom ticket - Grand Circle (matinee performance)
- Free time in London

2 Days By Coach only
£129



Also Available on this package and date



2 Days By Coach only
£149



2 Days By Coach only
£139



2 Days By Coach only
£119



2 Days By Coach only
£149

Call or visit us online for even more top London shows and available dates

Omega Holidays cannot be held responsible for the non-appearance of a particular actor/actress; no refunds will be given in this event. Whilst we always try to ensure that parties are seated together, very occasionally, it may be necessary for parties to be split. Couples are always seated together. Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices shown are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twin room. Single supplements apply.

For more information or to book, please call:

03300 130 051 Quote OMRT

033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.

or visit us online at

omegabreaks.com/RT

ABTA
Travel with confidence
ATA 100, 14702

No Lye-ing, this was perfect night out

WE have a wonderful afternoon and evening. We had to – because it was by order of the Peaky Blinders!

Having booked an evening meal at the Windsor Castle Inn in Lye we thought we'd try somewhere already renowned for its good food. And, perhaps just as importantly, a place that brewed its own award-winning beer on site and had a gin emporium.

The Saturday just happened to clash with one of Sadler's now famous Peaky Blinders-themed days and we were lucky to have stumbled across it. The only Peaky-style clothing I own is a Christmas T-shirt, which my wife, Kelly, banned me from wearing (it was approaching spring after all) so we went as we were.

QUAINT

However, many had made the effort and it really was a set back in time when we enjoyed a few meal drinks in Sadler's Brewhouse & Bar, just behind Lye Railway Station, with live music and draft real ales.

We then made our way to the Windsor Castle Inn, a five-minute walk, for our meal. The Windsor is a nice, quaint pub that always serves at least 10 of its own real ales.

The brewery started in 1900, founded by Nathaniel Sadler, the great, great grandfather to Emily and Chris Sadler. It supplied its 12-tied public houses, the most famous being The Windsor Castle, the original brewery tap house, first based in Oldbury.

Now in Lye, near Stourbridge, the brewery has once again become a thriving family-run microbrewery, owned by Chris Sadler, supplying public houses and supermarkets with Sadler's cask and bottled ales throughout the Midlands and country. And there were plenty of groups enjoying brewery tours too – so if anyone fancies soaking up some of the pub's rich

Tuck into the crab and scallop dish



Idea for pub grub – the Windsor Castle Inn



history something like that would be worth a punt. The 1920-inspired Dr Hardwicke's Gin Emporium, which opened in the summer, also boasts more than 35 spirits.

There was a little drama when we arrived as there had been a mix-up with our booking – and we didn't exist according to their records. But after producing the email apologies were made and they found us a table for two. We were even offered a free round of drinks.

As it was Peaky-themed night the pub was busy, so if you're thinking of a romantic or quiet evening for two, it's perhaps best to avoid such an evening. However, we

loved the atmosphere and were treated superbly by the staff, who have also won awards for their service.

So it was finally time to order some starters and I have to say we guessed right when we decided to share one because it was more than ample. We opted for the crab and scallop thermidor, which came with mixed leaves and homemade bread. Each homemade meal comes with a recommendation of the perfect pint of craft beer to accompany the food. For me, fish is always the number one option and luckily the Windsor Castle Inn has its fish delivered fresh from the markets every

morning. The loin of cod, served with a seafood ragout, seasonal vegetables and a choice of dauphinoise or hand-cut chips stole the show.

Kelly went for the pork medley, a trio of braised pork belly, pork and leek sausage, and grilled pork chop on a bed of creamy mashed potato served with black pudding, cider jus and seasonal vegetables. 'Amazing' was how she described it.

So if you enjoy real ales, a selection of gins and some lovely homemade food, it's worth giving The Windsor Castle Inn a try.

JAMES DRIVER-FISHER

CLASSIFIEDS

WORK!!!

"For over 30 years we have used Express & Star classified adverts which has resulted in many happy caravan owners!"

Hillandale Caravans

"I average around 10 phone calls a week from customers as a direct result of my Classified Advertising. I am very happy with my response levels."

Mr Casuar

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY!...

"We have been advertising in the Express & Star and Chronicles for over 20 years and consider it a key part of our business with the regular flow of calls, which our advertising generates."

Black Country Homes

"Wednesfield Carpentry & Gates are really pleased with their classified contract advertising response."

John - Wednesfield Carpentry & Gates.

"I am extremely happy with the Service get from my Express & Star Classified Sales Representative and I would recommend them to anyone!"

Michael - Portway Fencing

Call **01902 319 191**

Brought to you by **Express & Star**

WE NAILED IT!



Classified Advertising Works!

To advertise your business call **01902 319 191**

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY
GUIDE TO HOME
BUYING AND
LETTING

31

The Chronicle Thursday, March 22, 2018

Immaculate and improved modern detached home

An immaculately maintained and much improved modern detached family home, 1 Werneth Grove, Turnberry, Bloxwich, Walsall, is for sale through Marrion & Co Estate Agents at £350,000.

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, it has attractive views across the adjoining Sir Isaac Newton Pool/woodland areas.

The gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation briefly comprises a canopy porch, entrance hall/stairs, spacious lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, utility room, guests cloaks/wc, study room, four excellent bedrooms, the master having an en-suite shower room/WC, family bathroom/WC, external store and gymnasium, two-block paved driveways and lawned gardens.

This property is thought to date from the mid 1990s, having been constructed to good quality speculative standards of its day by volume builders J.S. Bloor Homes Ltd.

More recently, the property has undergone complete modernisation and refurbishment, to include replacement double glazing, and re-fitted kitchen, bathroom and en-suite shower room.

The property occupies an idyllic corner location having attractive views across the adjoining Sir Isaac Newton Pool and surrounding woodland area.

The location on the periphery of this ever-popular Turnberry Estate allows convenient access to local shopping facilities including frequent and regular public transport services and schools catering for children of all age groups.

Nearby motorway junctions also afford convenient commuting to Birmingham city centre and access to the wider West Midland conurbation.

The Walsall borough also offers the choice of many sporting, social and recreational facilities including Bloxwich Golf Course and King George V Memorial Playing Fields.

Selling your home can be stressful so it is important to choose an agent you can trust who will make this process as smooth as possible. At Marrion & Co aim they aim to eliminate the stress and make the experience as easy as possible.

TURNBERRY £350,000



TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Marrion & Co

TEL: 01922 404446

EMAIL: sales@marrionsurveyors.co.uk

KEY FEATURES

Modern detached family home

4 excellent bedrooms

Quiet cul-de-sac

Immaculately maintained

Great views to the front



YOU DESERVE MORE.

Performance &™
Buy | Sell | Invest | Property

LOVE YOUR®
POSTCODE

loveyourpostcode.com | 01922 215 116 | 0800 862 0870

K. Stuart Swash

AUCTION - 28TH MARCH 2018



90 BURLAND AVENUE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Within a popular location, spacious semi,
Two reception, kitchen, utility area, three
bedrooms, bathroom, garaging facility, off-road
parking, rear garden. EPC: E42

Guide: £90,000 / £95,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 23rd & 24th MARCH @ 10.30 a.m.



BUILDING PLOT 93 GOLDTHORN HILL, WOVERHAMPTON.

Large plot with Planning Permission
for erection of a three bedroomed
detached house, good location, generous plot depth.

Guide: £85,000 / £95,000



38 PENDEFORD AVENUE, CLAREGATE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Impressive detached ready for improvement, wide
hall, two reception, large kitchen, three bedrooms,
bathroom, two garages, store, long rear garden with
return frontage approx. 180ft. to Aldersley Avenue
EPC: E45

Guide: £155,000 / £165,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 23rd & 24th MARCH @ 11.15 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Viewing of all Lots at own risk. Viewings are at the times specified so, should you arrive late, you may find your viewing time is limited or that we have moved on in order to maintain the time schedule.

2, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton | 01902 710626 / 424044 E-mail: swashauctions@btconnect.com | www.kstuartswash.co.uk

PROPERTY



Auction for family residence set on generous plot

An impressive traditional-style
three-bedroomed detached family
residence, 41 Calthorpe Road,
Walsall, is set on a generous plot.

It is for sale via Skitts Estate
Agents through the modern method
of auction, with a guide price
£300,000, to be held on Wednesday,
March 28 at the Molineux Stadium,
Wolverhampton. Registration will be
at 6pm with the auction starting at
7pm.

Having gas central heating and
majority double glazed windows, the

**WALSALL
£300,000**

selling agents say it has excellent
potential to extend and enlarge,
(subject to the relevant planning
regulations).

Its accommodation briefly
comprises a porch, an entrance hall
with stairs off and an under-stairs
storage cupboard with a window to
the rear. Reception room one has a

feature fireplace with an electric fire,
a window to the side and a further
bay window to the front.

Reception room two has a feature
fireplace with a complementary
electric fire, windows either side, a
window to the front and patio doors
to the rear garden.

The breakfast kitchen has a range
of fitted wall and base cupboard
units with roll edge work surfaces
over.

Contact Skitts on 01922 478104.

SDL AUCTIONS
BIGWOOD

28TH MARCH 2018

Aston Villa Football Ground
Starting at 10:30am

AUCTION

117 LOTS

To include properties on behalf of:

Plus properties on behalf of Receivers/Housing Associations



52 Lichfield Road, Walsall
Well Appointed 5 Bed House
Guide: £260,000+ (plus fees)



20 The Rise, Great Barr
3 Bed Semi-Detached House
Guide: £50,000+ (plus fees)



100 Borneo Street, Walsall
3 Bed Mid Terraced House
Guide: £50,000+ (plus fees)



42 Westmore Way, Wednesbury
3 Bed Detached House
Guide: £50,000+ (plus fees)



12 Regent Street, Willenhall
2 Bed Mid Terraced House
Guide: £30,000+ (plus fees)



4 Himley Close, Willenhall
3 Bed Semi Detached House
Guide: £50,000+ (plus fees)



39 Hadley Road, Walsall
3 Bed End Terraced House
Guide: £35,000+ (plus fees)



341 Birmingham Road, Great Barr
4 Bed Detached Bungalow which
maybe Suitable for Development*
Guide: £170,000+ (plus fees)



**22 The Precinct,
Lucknow Road, Willenhall**
Long Leasehold 3 Bed Maisonette
Guide: £35,000 (plus fees)



98 Blakenhall Lane, Walsall
Residential Investment Property
Current Gross Income: £23,700pa
**Guide: £128,000-£133,000
(plus fees)**

Vacant Residential Properties, Residential Investments, Vacant Commercial Properties, Commercial Investments, Land/Development Opportunities, Garages & Ground Rents

0121 233 5046

www.sdlauctions.co.uk

@SDLA_Bigwood

Each property is subject to a Reserve Price which would ordinarily be within + or - 10% of the quoted Guide Price. Therefore the property may not be able to be purchased at the quoted Guide Price. Both Guide and Reserve Prices can be subject to change up to and including the day of the auction. For a full explanation go to www.sdlauctions.co.uk/glossary. All Guide Prices are subject to additional non-optional fees, including the buyers administration fee. For the Energy Performance Rating of each property please refer to the legal pack, our catalogue or website. Please contact our office for further details or advice.
*Subject to obtaining necessary planning permission



Webbs
Estate Agents

**01922
663399**

**74c Park Road
Bloxwich WS3 3SW**

E: sales@webbsestateagents.co.uk

W: webbsestateagents.co.uk

*Free
Valuations*

*No Sale
No Fee*

*Experienced
Sales Team*

Established 1994



NEW

BLOXWICH
ALNWICK ROAD



- Detached Home
- Through Hall, WC
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway, Garage

\$265,000

NEW

WALSALL
KENILWORTH CRESCENT



- Modern Semi
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway

\$130,000 Offers Over



FREE VALUATION



FREE PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS



FREE RIGHTMOVE & ZOOPLA LISTING



PLUS MUCH MORE



WE WILL *SELL* YOUR HOME FOR

£999*

INC VAT

***WE WILL LIST YOUR HOUSE FOR FREE AND ONLY PAY IF YOU SELL**

**BOOK YOUR FREE
VALUATION NOW
OR CALL FOR AN INFORMAL CHAT**



01543 46 88 46 or 01922 663399

www.webbsestateagents.co.uk

* Terms and Conditions apply.

NEW

BROWNHILLS
SADLERS MILL



- Canal Views To Rear
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Parking
- No Chain

\$112,950

NEW

BLOXWICH
VICTORIA AVENUE



- Popular Location
- Modern Detached
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room
- 4 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Private Driveway
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

\$249,950

"Service you expect from the Agent that delivers"



Walsall 01922 711444

New Office Location 200 High Street, Bloxwich, Walsall, WS3 3LA

goodchilds-uk.com

GOODCHILDS
Estate Agents and Lettings

NEWTONFALLOWELL
PART OF THE NEWTON FALLOWELL GROUP

Par Court, Bloxwich

- Impressive Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living Space
- Upgraded Fixtures & Fittings
- Granite Kitchen Worktops
- Excellent Energy Efficiency Rating (B-84)

£439,950

Werneth Grove, Turnberry Estate

- Extended Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Main Lounge
- Sitting Room and Dining Area
- Conservatory
- EPC - TBC

£325,000

Long Lane, Great Wryley

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Extended Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Potential for Further Extension
- Superb Views Across Open Fields
- EPC - D (62)

£225,000

Persehouse Street, Walsall

- Victorian Semi-Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Many Original Features
- Gas Central Heating
- Open Fireplaces

£200,000

Stamping Way, Bloxwich

- Immaculately Presented Town House
- Contemporary Style Decor
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Fitted Wardrobes to the Master Bedroom
- Rear Garage and Parking Space
- EPC - C (80)

O.I.E.O £200,000

Griffins Crescent, Walsall

- 'The Kingsford' Design by Taylor Wimpey
- Popular Saddlers Brook Development
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Easy Access to Local Towns and the M6
- Granite Tiled Flooring in Hall & Kitchen
- EPC - C (79)

£185,000

Links Court, Turnberry Estate

- Exclusive Over 60's Development
- Secure Gated Development
- Parking Space Included
- Luxury Fixtures and Fittings
- NEFF Appliances
- EPC - B (82)

£169,950

Usk Close, Bloxwich

- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway for Two Cars
- Ground Floor WC
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- EPC - D (68)

£140,000

Station Road, Rushall

- Modern Taylor Wimpey Built Town House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Downstairs W.C.
- Rear Allocated Parking
- EPC - B (85)

£137,500

Portsea Street, Leamore

- Extended Semi-Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Area & Extended Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Very Low Energy Bills (EPC Rating B-90)

£115,000

Wenlock Gardens, Leamore

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Lounge with French Doors
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- Gas Central Heating
- EPC - D (68)

£110,000

West Bromwich Road, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Period Terrace
- First Floor Bathroom
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£105,000

Clarendon Street, Bloxwich

- Well Presented Period Style Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Three Bedrooms
- EPC - E (52)

O.I.E.O £110,000

Neath Road, Mossley

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terraced House
- Popular Mossley Area
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge with Bay Window
- Front and Rear Garden
- EPC - C (71)

£105,000

Saldavian Court, Pleck

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Ideal Buy-To-Let (450pcm)
- Cul-de-sac Location
- Close to Pleck Park
- Garage to Rear
- EPC - F (30)

£85,000

Sheridan Close, Pleck

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Available to Over 55's
- No Chain
- Communal Gardens
- Communal Parking Area
- EPC - C (69)

£85,000

Smiths Flour Mill, Walsall

- Contemporary Style Apartment
- Set in the Original Flour Mill
- Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Close to Walsall Town
- EPC - D (67)

£85,000

Marsh Street, Walsall

- Studio Apartment in Walsall Town Centre
- Separate Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Balcony with Canal Views
- Close to all amenities
- EPC - E (78)

O.I.E.O £70,000

Terret Close, Walsall

- One Bedroom Modern Apartment
- Secure Gated Development
- Allocated Parking
- Tenant Currently Pays £450 PCM
- Offered By Modern Method of Auction
- EPC - E (47)

GUIDE £60,000

Millsom House, Walsall

- Two bedroom Upper Floor Flat
- Close To Town Centre
- Lounge with Balcony
- Communal Parking
- Double Glazing
- EPC - C (71)

£58,995

Call 01922 711444 for your Free Valuation



Find us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter

Birmingham • Brownhills • Cannock • Lichfield • Rugeley • Stafford • Stoke-on-Trent • Telford • Walsall • Wednesbury • Wednesfield • Wolverhampton





wolverhampton@skitts.net 01902 788188
willenhall@skitts.net 01902 631151

wednesfield@skitts.net 01902 732324
wednesbury@skitts.net 0121 505 1818

sadgley@skitts.net 01902 686868
greathridge@skitts.net 0121 520 2255

bilston@skitts.net 01902 353578
bloxwich@skitts.net 01922 478104

Abbotts Street, Walsall

Guide Price £60,000

AUCTION

	1		3
	1	EPC G	

Calthorpe Road, South Walsall

Guide Price £300,000

AUCTION

	2		3
	1	EPC E	

Victoria Avenue, Walsall

Guide Price £110,000

AUCTION

	3		3
	1	EPC G	

Temple Square, Willenhall

Guide Price £75,000

AUCTION

	2		3
	1	EPC D	

**FED UP OF WAITING FOR A BUYER?
NEED TO SELL QUICKLY?**

**WITH 0%
COMMISSION TO SELL**
THE MODERN METHOD OF AUCTION
COULD WORK FOR YOU!!

**CALL YOUR LOCAL BRANCH TODAY
FOR MORE DETAILS.**

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

NEXT AUCTION

**WEDNESDAY
28TH MARCH 2018**

AT MOLINEUX STADIUM
WATERLOO ROAD
WOLVERHAMPTON. WV1 4QR
6:00PM REGISTRATION
7:00PM START

St Annes Road, Wolverhampton

Guide Price £81,000

AUCTION

	1		2
	1	EPC D	

Hall Street, Willenhall

Guide Price £55,000

AUCTION

	2		2
	1	EPC F	

Dorsett Road, Darlaston Wednesbury

Guide Price £80,000

AUCTION

	2		3
	1	EPC E	

Hall Street, Willenhall

Guide Price £55,000

AUCTION

	2		2
	1	EPC E	

Fisher Street, Willenhall

Guide Price £70,000

AUCTION

	2		2
	1	EPC E	

Broadwaters Road, Darlaston Wednesbury

Guide Price £77,500

AUCTION

	1		3
	1	EPC D	



Estate House, Darwall Street, Walsall WS1 1DA

0121 289 3838

Auction

Thursday 12th
April 2018
at 6.00pm Precisely

Banks's Stadium, Walsall
Football Club, Bescot
Crescent, Walsall. WS1 4SA

LOT
TBC

Birmingham Road Walsall

By appointment through auctioneers



●Guide Price £240,000 PLUS

A truly substantial, late Victorian property offering spacious living accommodation, with a character and appeal seldom seen today. Occupying a most convenient situation with regular bus provision direct to Birmingham, together with ease of access on to all the regions motorways, the property will particularly suit the larger family or investment purchaser. The property has been well maintained by the current vendor, having recently installed Bathroom and Shower Room a recently refitted roof and newly installed gas boiler. The property affords gas central heating and demands viewing to appreciate the space and appeal within.

LOT
TBC

Burrowes Street Walsall

27th March 11am



Situated in a popular residential area within walking distance of the town centre this flat is just off the Walsall ring road which offers a great transport link to the M6. The property is in need of slight modernisation throughout and would ideally be suited towards an investor.

●Guide Price £59,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Thetford Road Birmingham

By appointment through the auctioneers



●Guide Price £128,500 PLUS

A nicely presented three bedroom semi-detached home situated in a well regarded part of Great Barr. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

LOT
TBC

Walsingham Street Walsall

26th March 10am



●Guide Price £75,000 PLUS

This two bedroom terraced property is in need of little modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area within Chuckery and would make an ideal purchase for an investor.

LOT
TBC

Farmstead Close Walsall

By appointment through Auctioneers



Set in a quiet cul-de-sac, this modern semi detached property offers an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor who is prepared to put in a little work to tidy it up. With gas fired central heating, the property is conveniently located for all amenities and is set back from the road behind a lawned foregarden with long driveway.

●Guide Price £88,500 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Teddesley Street Walsall

26th March 11am



●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

Situated within walking distance of Walsall town centre this semi detached property is ideally located. The property is in need of modernisation throughout but holds a lot of potential for a prospective purchaser.

LOT
TBC

Dalby Road Walsall

By appointment through Auctioneers



●Guide Price £85,000 PLUS

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, this modern semi detached property would make an ideal purchase for an investor or owner occupier. With the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing, the property offers potential for extension to the side.

LOT
TBC

Derwent Foundry Birmingham

By appointment through Auctioneers



Situated in an extremely desirable residential area this 1 bedroom 3rd floor apartment is ideally suited towards an investor. The property requires very little modernisation and with all amenities close at hand it comprises: Accommodation Lounge (4.6m x 3.9m), Bedroom One (5m x 2.5m), Bathroom (2.2m x 1.9m), Additional Room (2.3m x 1.9m) Buyers Premium of £750.00 plus v.a.t. (£900.00 inc vat) will be charged for this lot

●Guide Price £145,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Rosamund Street Walsall

By appointment through Auctioneers



●Guide Price £85,000 PLUS

Conveniently located in this popular residential area of Palfrey, this Victorian end terraced offers well planned and appointed living accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Internal viewing is recommended to appreciate the accommodation.

LOT
TBC

Cherry Tree Avenue Walsall

26th March 10:30am



●Guide Price £130,000 PLUS

Set in a prominent position behind a deep lawned foregarden, this traditionally styled semi detached property is situated in a highly sought after residential area and would make an ideal purchase for an owner occupier or investment. With the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing, the property offers well appointed, well planned and extended living accommodation. All amenities are close at hand and viewing is highly recommended.

LOT
TBC

Adelaide Street Brierley Hill

By appointment through Auctioneers



Situated within a short distance of Brierley Hill centre, this traditionally styled Victorian mid terrace property is in need of full refurbishment and a bit of TLC. An ideal opportunity for investor/builder the property offers tremendous scope for further improvement for a buyer with the intention of re-sale or for letting.

●Guide Price £60,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Winchester Drive Birmingham

By appointment through auctioneers



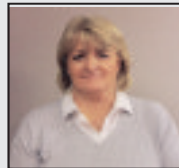
This three storey terraced property is ideally located just off the M6 and M42 which offers fantastic transport links. The property is in need of slight modernisation and would ideally be suited towards an investor.

●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

●Guides are provided as an indication of each seller's minimum expectation. They are not necessarily figures which a property will sell for and may change at any time prior to the auction. Each property will be offered subject to a Reserve (a figure below which the Auctioneer cannot sell the property during the auction) which we expect will be set within the Guide Range or no more than 10% above a single figure Guide



Paul Marrion - Partner



Kathy Marrion - Partner

www.marrion.co.uk



Energy Rating - TBC **NEW**

Lichfield Road
Shelfield

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Dining kitchen, lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- shower room/WC
- Gardens and parking
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£130,000

Energy Rating - B **NEW**

SSTC Similar Required

Ashbourne Road
Bloxwich

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Front reception room
- rear dining room, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking
- Gardens

£120,000

Energy Rating - D **NEW**

Station Place
Bloxwich

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- conservatory
- 3 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Parking and Gardens

£130,000

Energy Rating - TBC **NEW**

To Let

Brooklands Avenue
Great Wyrley

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Gardens and driveway
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

£625

Energy Rating - TBC **NEW**

SSTC Similar Required

Littleton Road
Willenhall

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Through lounge/diner, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom and WC
- Mature Gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- In Need of Re-Furbishment

£95,000

Energy Rating - TBC **NEW**

Woodall Street
Bloxwich

- Ideal Retirement Apartment
- Gas Heated
- PVCu Double Glazed
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Onward Chain

£74,950

Energy Rating - D **NEW**

Werneth Grove
Turnberry

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, Kitchen, gym
- 4 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garden
- Driveway
- Must Be Viewed

£350,000

Energy Rating - D **NEW**

Elmsdale Court
Birmingham Road

- Purpose Built Apartment
- Glazed and heated
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom/WC
- Parking
- Communal Gardens
- No Onward Chain

£60,000

Energy Rating - TBC **NEW**

Norfolk Grove
Great Wyrley

- End Town House
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Garden
- Parking Spaces
- No Onward Chain

£99,950

Energy Rating - F **NEW**

Daisy Bank Close
Pelsall

- Extended Detached House
- Gas Central Heating
- PVCu Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room/Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Single Garage, Driveway
- Fore and Rear Gardens

£285,000

Energy Rating - TBC **NEW**

Wetherby Road
Turnberry

- Semi-Detached House
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC, Gardens
- Garage, Driveway

£170,000

Energy Rating - D **NEW**

To Let

Kenilworth Crescent
Wolverhampton

- Ground Floor Maisonette
- PVCu Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fore and Rear Gardens
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

£495

Energy Rating - B **REDUCED**

40% Shared Ownership

Mattesley Court
Bloxwich

- For the Over 55's
- 40% Ownership
- Second floor apartment
- Residents lounge, restaurant
- Hair salon, shop, laundry room
- 2 bedrooms, wet room/WC
- Fitted kitchen, lounge
- Ample parking and communal gardens

£30,000

Park Home

Lodgefield Park
Stafford

- Well Maintained Park Home
- Being for the Over 55's
- Electric Heating, Hallway
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- 2 Double Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Parking, Gardens

£100,000

Energy Rating - TBC

Virola Court
Bloxwich

- First Floor apartment
- Double glazed
- Electrically heated
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Allocated parking
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- communal gardens

£104,950

Energy Rating - D

Reduced

Stanley Street
Bloxwich

- End Town House
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Parking, gardens
- workshop

£110,000

Energy Rating - B

Portsea Street
Walsall

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Gas Central Heating, Solar Panels
- PVCu Double Glazing
- Front Lounge, Dining Room,
- Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom/wc
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Driveway, Rear Garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£115,000

Energy Rating - D

Hawbush Road
Walsall

- Extended Semi-Detached House
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Rear Lounge
- Front Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking & Rear Garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£120,000

Energy Rating - E

Park Hall Close
Walsall

- Top floor apartment
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Garage
- communal gardens

£124,000

Energy Rating - C

Avon Road
Walsall

- End terrace house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge
- conservatory, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Driveway parking and gardens

£130,000

Energy Rating - D

Harden Close
Walsall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining room
- kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- shower room/WC
- Driveway and gardens

£135,000

Energy Rating - D

Darlston Road
Walsall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge/dining room, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- shower room/WC
- Workshop
- parking, gardens

£139,950

Energy Rating - TBC

Reduced

Victoria Avenue
Bloxwich

- Spacious Modern Detached Home
- Gas Central Heated & Double Glazed
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

£255,000

Energy Rating - B

Stafford Road
Bloxwich

- Extended Detached Family Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloakroom, Conservatory
- Six Bedrooms, Three En-suites
- Family Bathroom, Large Driveway
- Rear Garden
- No Onward Chain

£450,000

Energy Rating - D

Paddock Gardens
Walsall

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, 5 Bedrooms
- (Master and Second with en suites)
- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Driveway
- Large Rear Garden

£600,000



How to improve a car's performance by 70%

The effectiveness consultancy Benchmarking recently analysed what happens when companies include press advertising in their media mix.

They looked at more than 500 econometric models, covering a five-year period and, as the table here shows, they found that adding newspapers dramatically increases the effectiveness of other media.

In the automotive sector they reviewed companies that ranged from the big spending German goliaths of the industry to medium sized independent carmakers.

And they discovered that by adding newspaper advertising to their campaigns, they cranked up their effectiveness by over 70%.

Increased effectiveness using newspapers

Retail	Automotive	Finance
2.8x	1.7x	5.7x

So, whatever the size your business or budget, get motoring into newspapers.

For the full story and more details:
newsworks.org.uk/effectiveness

Local Specialists

Accountancy

ACCOUNTANCY AND TAXATION

Self Assessment and all accountancy services for the self employed, rental incomes, partnerships and limited companies.

01543 481329

Email: ollerenshaws@btinternet.com
www.ollerenshaws.co.uk

Business Services

VIRTUAL OFFICE ADDRESS SERVICE

- ✓ PRIVATE MAIL ADDRESS SERVICE
- ✓ BUSINESS MAIL ADDRESS SERVICE
- ✓ REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS SERVICE

A Prestigious address for your business
Keep your mail confidential, discreet & secure

Watling Chambers Business Services
Watling Chambers, 214 Watling Street, Cannock, Staffordshire WS11 0BD
TELEPHONE: 01543 572561
www.mailaddressservice.co.uk

Fencing

B. J. FENCING SUPPLIES

WINTER PRICE REDUCTIONS
"BEAT IMPENDING 2018 TIMBER PRICE HIKES"

PANEL SIZE	FEATHEREDGE		8-BAR OVERLAP	
	STANDARD	TANALISED	STANDARD	TANALISED
6' x 6'	£24.00	£27.00	£15.00	£17.00
6' x 5'	£21.50	£24.50	£13.50	£15.50
6' x 4'	£19.00	£22.00	£11.50	£14.00
6' x 3'	£17.00	£19.50	£11.00	£12.50
6' x 2'	£15.00	£17.00	£10.00	£11.00

Arch-Bow Tops @ £2.00 extra 10 Bar H/Duty @ £1.50 extra
Trellis & Picket Panels also at Lower Prices
GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES ON SUPPLY & FIT
CONCRETE POSTS & GRAVEL BOARDS, TIMBER GATES, BALLAST, ETC.
TEL: 01543 674688, 07886369958 or 07828693442
UNIT 7E, ZONE 4, BURNTWOOD BUSINESS PARK, WS7 3XD

Gardening

J L Garden & Tree Services

Garden Maintenance & Tree Felling

Tree Felling
Garden Maintenance
All Debris Removed

Call Jason for a No Obligation Quote
Fully Insured

Tel: 01922 443193
Mob: 07809 431703

Visit Website for FREE call back
www.jlgardenandtreeservices.co.uk

Aerials

MATT WALTERS DIGITAL AERIALS

your LOCAL Aerial/Satellite specialist
Aerials - Satellite Dishes Fitted From £65
ANY LIKE FOR LIKE
QUOTATION BEATEN

Senior Citizen Discounts
2 Year Guarantee
Digital Aerials/Freeview/Freesat
SKY HD/ SKY+/MULTIROOM
SKY Q specialist

- Free Quotation • Repairs • Free Call Out
- Same Day service • Freeview Specialist

£10 OFF ON PRODUCTION OF THIS ADVERT

Aldridge Based
Mobile: 07853 253176

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

J P Cleaning

Carpets, Upholstery,
Curtains, Leather
0800 511 8454 Freephone
07932 766162 Mobile
Local Family Run Business
www.jp-techniclean.co.uk

SPECIAL HALF PRICE OFFERS

	NORMAL PRICE	SPECIAL PRICE
Carpets 12ft x 15ft	£30	£15
Lounge 12ft x 21ft	£42	£21
Stairs and Landing	£38	£19
Upholstery		
Chair	£20	£10
2 seater sofa	£32	£16
3 seater sofa	£38	£19

Double Glazing

WINDOW DOCTOR

GLAZING REPAIRS, DOORS & WINDOW REPAIRS
We repair, replace and service any misty glass
Windows, Doors & Conservatories
Handles, hinges, window & door locks adjusted & replaced
WE PRICE MATCH

01543 504900 24 HRS Est 30
07748 108035
12 WELLINGTON DRIVE, CANNOCK WS11 1PU years

Driveways

WESTCOT CONTRACTORS LTD

38 Years Experience
TARMACADAM CONCRETE BLOCK PAVING
LEADING DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS COVERING
LICHFIELD AND STAFFORDSHIRE
• Domestic Drives • Patios • Tennis Courts construction
• Commercial car parks and roads • Vehicle access crossing highway approved
Free quotations - All work guaranteed

Call for enquiries **07985 233112**
Office **01543 251416**
email: westcot.contractors.ltd@gmail.com

Fencing

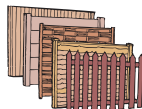
P J BROADHURST FENCING

Top Quality Fencing
Supplied & Fitted

All types of fence panels • Gravel boards

FREE QUOTES

You will be blown away by our prices!



01922 611681

07770 954073

www.pjbroadhurstfencing.co.uk

QUALITY FENCING

BY GARDENCARE

- SUPPLY ONLY OR PROFESSIONAL FITTING SERVICE
- CHOICE OF QUALITY PANELS, TRELIS AND GATES, CONCRETE POSTS & DIFFERENT GRAVEL BOARDS
- RUBBISH REMOVED & HEDGES TRIMMED/ REMOVAL
- FAMILY BUSINESS, FREE QUOTES AND ADVISE

Supply Only - 07928 968 744
Quotes/ Fitting Service - 01543 876988 - 07861 221 677
gardencarefencing@hotmail.co.uk

Gardening

Chase Tree Care

A locally based, family run company established in 2007.
Since the owner is a fully qualified Tree Surgeon with 21 years experience in all aspects of professional Tree Surgery.
Fully insured, professional, competitive and friendly.
For a free no-obligation competitive quote from an expert call:
01543 877887 / 07796 26323 www.chasetreecare.co.uk

City & Guilds NPTC

IAN'S Gardening Services

General Garden Maintenance
Fencing, Slabbing, Paving, Turfing, Hedges,
Conifers and Trees lopped or trimmed
20 years experience

01922 711150
07722 533247

Woodman Tree Services

Domestic & Commercial
Council Approve Contracts
Over 30 yrs Experience
Fully insured

- Qualified, all work to BS 3998 standards
- * Felling * Re-shaping * Pruning
- * Reduction * Hedge Trimming
- * Stump Removal * Landlord Contracts
- 24 hour Emergency Call Out
- Logs and wood chip for sale

R.G. Wood ARB
Home: 01543 258108
Mobile: 07947 352960

Landscapers

WILLIAMS LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Competitive Prices on
Brickwork, Block Paving,
Slabbing, Fencing and Turfing

FREE QUOTES

Call **07715 382 172**
or **07388 052 215**

Plastering

C.A. Plastering

For competitive quotes on all your refurbishment needs on plastering, boarding, overboarding, partitions, re-skimming and artex covering.

No job too small **07538 718264**

Plumbing & Heating

Boiler Medics

(West Midlands)

Over 30 years' experience

- Servicing • Repairs
- Gas Safety Checks
- Factory Trained Engineers
- All Work Guaranteed

Don't lose your boiler warranty book your service now
Call **01922 446678** or **07973 784593**

N. MAYO GAS SERVICES

All Plumbing
Gas Work
undertaken

Also Boiler Installations
Gas Safe registered

07886 982903
01922 448311



Local Specialists
Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Carpentry

Simply Doors Walsall

Internal & External Door Suppliers & Fitters

6 internal
pre-finished doors
fully fitted for
£450
complete with handles

External UPVC and composite doors
also available

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM
Unit 44, Pleck Road, Walsall WS2 9XX
01922 623151 or 07810 122133
www.simplydoorswalsall.co.uk

Opening Hours
Mon-Fri
10am - 5pm
Sat
10am - 2pm

Reedwood Kitchens

Specialists in
Kitchen design
and installations

Free Quotes

01922 611272
or **07951 922879**

www.reedwoodkitchens.co.uk

Electricians

REWIRINGEXPERTS.CO.UK

All domestic and commercial
electrical works undertaken
Home rewiring from £800

For a high quality
local service call:

01922 509984
07939 503905

To advertise your business and reach more than 72,000 potential customers...

1

Call us on...
01543 465341

2

E-mail us at...
sarah.winfield@expressandstar.co.uk

3

Post to...
Sarah Jones, Walsall Chronicle,
Queen Square, Cannock. WS11 1ES

Local Specialists



Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Roofing

Brookes & Son ROOFING SERVICES

- ★ Discounts for OAP's
- ★ Insurance Work ★ Lead Work
- ★ Ridge Tiles Replaced
- ★ Flat Roofs ★ Pointing
- ★ Rubber Roofing (E.P.D.M.)
- ★ Chimney Repairs ★ Fascias & Gutters

25 years in the business
FAMILY RUN - FREE QUOTES
Call: 01922 711150
07722 533247

ALL AREAS COVERED

WALSALL ROOFING SPECIALISTS

AS RECOMMENDED ON

thebestofwalsall

Flat Roof Specialists

- Slate and Tile Repairs
- Flat Roofs, EPDM
- Rubber Roofing
- uPVC Soffits and Fascias
- Chimney Reducing
- Guttering Repairs
- All Pointing Work
- Insurance Work
- 20 Year Guarantee
- Dry Ridge Systems
- 25 Years Experience
- Re-Roofs
- All genuine quotes beaten
- Special rates for senior citizens

FREE ESTIMATES

CALL MARK:
01922 694548 / 07790 214856
www.walsallroofingspecialists.co.uk

You should be able to trust the ads you see.

If an ad is wrong, the ASA is here to put it right.

Classified Ads

Buy Local, Sell Local

Funeral Directors

Turn To Us For Help and Support

In your time of need we'll take care of all the funeral arrangements.

- Est. 1907
- 24 hour service

G. Gibbs

Funeral Directors
44 All Saints Way
West Bromwich B71 1PZ
0121 553 0442

Dignity
Part of Dignity plc. A British Company.

ELDDIS CRUSADER, 2010. Top of the range Elddis Crusader Super Cyclone, 4 berth, fixed twin beds. Twin axle. £10,950. 07454 449272.

STERLING ECCLES MOONSTONE 2009 MODEL. Immaculate, Motor mover, alarm, Alko hitch lock and wheel lock, full awning, porch awning, built in m/wave, radio, new heavy duty battery, extras. £9,000 ono. 07703 190445.

Music Shop

PIANO LESSONS
5 Week Starter Course
IDEAL
EASTER GIFT
5 Lessons for the price of 4!
Fun & Friendly Piano Teacher
Call Dawn Elizabeth on:
07973 705739

Sports & Leisure

Free Ads
IT'S FREE, IT'S EASY
To sell items upto £250.
Online at
bookanad.
expressandstar.co.uk

holidays

Self Catering Holidays

BURNHAM-ON-SEA
Self Catering Holiday Apartments
Disabled Facilities
Pet Friendly
01278 794111
www.GoSomerset.co.uk

Travel Abroad

READERS ARE REMINDED to check with any Advertisers that their holiday costs are fully covered by a recognised bonding or insurance scheme.

Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE DALES
Meadow Holidays
Country Cottages / Suites in Wensleydale
"Weeks from £209 per couple"
"Weekends just £99 per couple"
Walk in scenic countryside by waterfalls or visit historic market towns with friendly inns
Brochure (24hrs) 01969 624145
email: rita@meadowholidays.com
www.meadowholidays.com

Holidays Abroad

COACH HOLIDAYS TO SPAIN
MONDAY & FRIDAY DEPARTURES
DEPARTURES: APRIL-MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUG-SEPT-OCT
10 DAYS/7 NIGHTS
HALF BOARD ALL INCLUSIVE
FROM £209 PER ADULT
CHILD PLACES from £69
PICK UP POINTS NATIONWIDE
TEL: 01443 844222
ferriscoachholidays.co.uk

3 Home & Services

Antiques

Louis Taylor
Fine Art Auctioneers & Valuers
House Clearances & Collections arranged at short notice for our monthly auctions
01782 638100

Furniture

CONSERVATORY SUITE, 3 piece, including foot stool, excellent condition, £300 ono. 07718 523152.

LEATHER SUITE modern, 3-2-1 combination, coffee colour, incl matching table, stool. Very good condition. £350. 01543 571604.

LEATHER THREE PIECE suite, 2 sofas, reclining armchair, brown, leather, Italian made, Natuzzi. £175 ono. 07944 710824.

Household Appliances

AUTOMATIC WASHING Machine, excellent condition. £95. May deliver. Call 07439 318294.

In Your Garden

6x5 Lap Panels
£17 each (inc vat)
WS3 2BQ
Bloxwich Fencing Ltd
or 01922 712184

AT SHEDRITE order Sheds, Cabins, Summerhouses/Playhouses. Wilenhall Rd WV11 2HQ 01902 450137

C B SHEDS & FENCING
We supply & fit. Free quotes.
Call: 01922 720270
We also supply sleepers and decking

SLABS 450mm x 450mm RIVEN FACED, only £1.87 inc. VAT.
Ranton Building Supplies: 01543 276006.

Items For Sale

ADVERTISERS ARE REMINDED That the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order of 1977 requires that advertisements must clearly differentiate between Private and Trade.

ASH RECLAMATION new and used building materials, upvc doors and windows 01543 453222.

✓ CASH PAID ✓
£300+ PER OUNCE
FOR 9 CARAT GOLD.
ANY AMOUNT COLLECTED!
Lady Buyer
gold coins, pre - 47 silver coins, watches, costume jewellery, porcelain, any oriental items, old brass items, any silver items, War medals military etc.
HOUSE CLEARANCES!
Call: 01922 495066
or 07971 783206 ✓

CORRUGATED GALVANISED Sheets. New, £8 can deliver. Also box profile and PVC/polycarb. David Broxton on 07834 489558.

EKCO HOSTESS TROLLEY good condition, 4 pirex dishes with stainless steel lids. £55 ono. Runtop, never used. £10. 01543 675369.

HAVE YOU CHECKED your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

Items Wanted

READERS ARE ADVISED to carefully consider all of their options before agreeing to the sale of any of their items.

WANTED
VINTAGE TOYS
Star Wars, He-Man, Ghost Busters, Ninja Turtles, Corgi or Dinky.

All vintage toys considered.

Good prices paid.

Unleash the cash in your loft.

Call Tony on 07812 903338.

WANTED LED ZEPPELIN wanted by collector any old led zep gig posters, flyers, ticket stubs upto 1973 only, cash on the hip. 07986 729197.

Loans

READERS ARE REMINDED that they may require professional advice before entering into obligations.

PC's, Laptops & Accessories

CLIENT COMPUTERS
Certified technician & Microsoft partner. Repair & maintain laptops and PCs. In West Midlands. Virus removal, broken screens, wifi. Windows problems etc. Home visits or bring to me. Long established. Laptops available. 0121 556 9481

specialists at your service

Alarms/Security

PREMIER ALARMS

Supplied and Fitted £249
Servicing and Repairs
12 Months Warranty
All areas covered
All quotes beaten!
Call: 0121 601 9791

Aerials

CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!



"I am very pleased with the response I get from my Classified Advertising Contract"

Steve -
AA Digital Aerials

For great business results call
01902 319 191

Classified Ads
Brought to you by Express & Star

AA DIGITAL AERIALS
AERIALS FITTED FROM £79.99
01902 858191 • 01384 429166
01543 439095 • 01922 716029

Building Services

DAVIES & SON BUILDERS
All Building & Roofing Work
Driveways, Landscaping
Over 40 year exp | All work guaranteed
Free Quotes: 07837 994465
01902 579 592

P-FENLON BUILDERS All aspects of building. Block paving, plastering, brickwork etc. 01902 445315 / 07790 286187.

Building Supplies

RECLAIMED BRICKS, Tiles, Slates, Oakbeams, Flooring, York Stone, Cawarden 01889 574066. sales@cawardenreclaim.co.uk

Carpentry & Joinery

SPR CARPENTRY Six internal pre-primed doors fully fitted from £370. 0121 5322672 or 07358 552625.

Carpet Fitters

A CARPETS & VINYLs supplied or just fitted, quality samples brought to your home, no job too small, free quotes call Mark 01543 820598 / 07941 619694.

Double Glazing

AT S DOUBLE GLAZING
UPVC Doors & Windows
Very competitive prices, family run
FREE QUOTES & OAP DISCOUNTS
01922 442720
or 07783 229386

Electrical Services

MB ELECTRIC.CO.UK Home wiring specialist. NICEIC. High quality local service. Freephone: 0800 211 8398 / 07939 503905

SELL YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR

ONLY

£9.99

Cheaper than ebay!

FOR 6 NIGHTS IN PRINT AND ONLINE IN YOUR LOCAL EXPRESS & STAR.

- ✓ No hidden costs
- ✓ Buyer collects
- ✓ No postage or returns
- ✓ Local sellers to local people
- ✓ It's that simple!!

Call us on 01902 317878
or book online at bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

Fencing

CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!



"I am extremely happy with the service I get from my Express & Star Classified Sales Representatives and would recommend them to anyone! They have done a very professional job with my website so I get online enquiries as well now."

Michael-
Portway Fencing

For great business results call
01902 319 191

ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

PORTWAY FENCING
SPECIAL OFFER
10 Boys of quality fencing, concrete posts, gravel boards **£695**
Heavy duty panels supplied & fitted.
Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm
Sat 8am - 12noon
83 Portway Rd, W'bury
DELIVERY AVAILABLE
www.portwayfencing.co.uk

Gardening Services

OAKTREE TREE SERVICES

Covers all aspects of tree surgery, grass cutting and hedges. Garden clearances, turfing and fencing

07427 060382

Landywood Tree & Landscaping Services
All garden work, tree felling/topping, pruning, hedges trimmed, turf, patios, fencing, block-paving etc.
www.landywoodlandscaping.co.uk
01922 898 710 / 07973 177 976

Gas Fitting

GAS SERVICES

- Boilers • Cookers
- Fires • Gas Checks
- Landlord Certificates
- Gas Leaks Traced
- Fitted, Serviced and Repaired Same Day Service
- Free Quotes
- DISCOUNTS FOR OAPs**

Call: 01902 366855/ 07761 973975

READERS ARE ADVISED
To check that anyone carrying out any Gas work is Gas Safe Registered.
It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

Gates

ALL METAL GATES, RAILINGS, etc. Free quotes, also repairs & fitting. 07903 500642 24 hours.

DARLSTON FAB'S 30 years exp in supplying/fitting gates and railings. Free quotes: 07497 667752.

Home Improvements

RTD Builders & Home Improvements
• All general building work
• Extensions & alterations • Kitchens & Bathrooms • UPVC Windows
• Brickwalls & Patios
Call Bob on 07710 611963
davis@gmail.com

House Clearances

A1 HOUSE CLEARANCE

Full, part and single rubbish removed.
Garage and sheds cleared.
Leather 3 piece suites and leather chesterfields wanted.
01922 492007

A ABSOLUTE BEST cash price paid for house clearances and bereavements. Also removals undertaken. 07852 172641 / 07710 360327 / 01902 534021

ALL ROUND CLEARANCE
Professional family run business
House clearances full or part, also garages, sheds etc.
Telephone Kev
07794 912844

HARVEYS HOUSE CLEARANCES
Quick, discreet and professional. 07939 421862 / 01902 410433

Kitchen Fitters

THE KITCHEN FITTER Over 20 years experience. Call 07881 654757 or 01543 373233.

Painters/Decorators

C. I. PAINTING & DECORATING
Over 30 yrs experience. City & Guilds approved. Free Quotes. 07913 732756 or 01902 650716.

ADMJ

Decorating & Maintenance
City and Guilds. No Job Too Small.
OAP Discounts
FREE QUOTES
07855 957935 01902 630028

Plans Prepared

ADAM DESIGN, Building Plans. Drawn and submitted to council. Tel. 01902 620200 / 07841 654037. Email: adamdesign@sky.com
BUILDING Plans: Prepared/submitted. K. J. Bradley 01902 373248 07792 165767. www.plans4u.co.uk
PROFESSIONAL HAND ink detailed drawings prepared. 01922 684503 / 07730 880663.

Plastering

D&C PLASTERING AND RENDERING
Fast, clean, reliable service. Also building work. Free Quotes 07793 747829 or 01543 300444.

MINT PLASTERING

For the very best in plastering and rendering, full rooms inc materials from 110. Halls, stairs and landings from 200
30 years experience.
Free quotes. All work guaranteed
01543 327130 / 07519 694516

Plumbing & Heating

A.A. HEATING & PLUMBING All gas work. Install/Service/Repair. Free quotes call: 07540 950588.

A RELIABLE PLUMBER No job too small. No call out fee. Call Lee: 07713 149278 / 01902 330351.

TAD PLUMBING & HEATING

For all your plumbing needs.
30 years experience.
24 HOUR CALL OUT, NO FEE!
Call Trevor on **07791 319397**
www.tadplumbingandheatingwolverhampton.co.uk

PLUMBING WORK UNDERTAKEN
No job too small or large. Call Will for a free quote on: 07521 411108.

Removals

A2B REMOVALS Cheap and reliable removal service. Insured. 07817 842980 or 01902 744829.

A DJ REMOVALS house clearance/single item. Budget rates/available. 01902 652346 / 07912 980177

CALL DEAN NOW! For all your Removal needs. 07429 453209 / 01902 830870 / 01384 940260.

KT HOUSE REMOVALS

12 years experience.
SINGLE ITEMS TO FULL LOADS.
LOCAL OR DISTANCE. FULLY INSURED.
Free Quotes - Call Ric on:
07771 727119

KC REMOVALS We beat any quote, full or part loads, all areas. Anything considered. Call on 07867 862227.

Roofing

ROOFING & GUTTERING
main, flat, felt, firestone rubber, fibreglass, all repointing, fascias, soffits, gutters, Free quotes. All quotes beaten, 8am-6pm.
01902 722447

MG ROOFING
Flat Roofing, Tiling, Roof Repairs, Fascias and Gutters.
Call 01902 238989 / 07580 465449.
www.mgroofingwestmidlands.co.uk

Skip Hire

A absolute affordable skip
RUSSELL SKIPS
Mini, midi skips
Prompt delivery / collection
(0121) 520 3388 / 07721 387990

Waste management
SB
Recycling services
01902 459667
0121 558 2120
01543 500 599

CLASSIFIEDS FOR YOU!

“We are very happy with our Classified Contract within the Express & Star and the enquiries our adverts bring in.”



Pally - Quika Skips
For great business results call
01902 319 191

ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

WOLVERHAMPTON SKIP HIRE

MINI, MIDI & BUILDERS SKIPS WITH DOORS
Established 26 years
Call:
01902 722876

GOLDSHILL SKIP & SELF DELIVERIES
BRING YOUR WASTE TO US (any size vehicle)
General, green, wood (can work out cheaper than a skip)
OR
HIRE A SKIP FROM US - Phone for prices
0121 557 3346
82 Pikehelve Street, West Bromwich, B70 0TU

Grinsells Skip Hire LTD
Mini, Midi, Maxi, Large Skips.
Monday to Friday.
Saturday half day.
0121 555 6060

QUICKA SKIPS

Mini, Midi, 6 Yard with doors and Builders.
7 days - Prompt Service
01902 404800 / 07983 580884
www.quickaskips.co.uk

Upholstery

UPHOLSTERY SERVICES 3pcs/springs/caravans/pubs/club/antique es. 01902 689844 / 07817 842980.

4 Pets & Animals

Equestrian Corner

ALL READERS are advised to check if Horses, Donkeys or Ponies have the required Passport information, this is a legal requirement.

Guns & Dogs

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS
Advertisers must ensure that they meet all necessary legal requirements for owning and using guns.

Pets Corner

GREYHOUNDS MAKE WONDERFUL PETS
All neutered, inoculated and microchipped.
Call 01902 291080 or visit **www.gtwolverhampton.co.uk**
Greyhound Trust Wolverhampton
@gtwolverhampton

6 Property

Accommodation To Let

NOTICE TO READERS
It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

NOTICE TO READERS
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments/contracts.

J9 Accommodation

NO DEPOSIT
★MOVE IN TODAY★

Studios from £90pw*
Rooms from £65pw*
*Includes Most Bills
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LIVE LIST
01902 213121
J9accommodation.com

STUDIO FLAT fully furnished, private parking, all inc. near Hospital, low rent. 07828 504083.

THREE BED FLAT Rushall, nr Walsall, available now. DSS welcome. 07443 917182.

Properties Wanted

WE PAY 100% of purchase price EVERY TIME!
FAST 4 Your House CASH

You agree the price, we buy the house...
• NO AGENTS FEES • COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
• FREE SOLICITORS • ANY HOUSE, ANY CONDITION

0800 999 999 6
01384 500 500 **30 yrs**

www.black-countryhomes.co.uk * subject to terms

CASH NOW FOR YOUR HOUSE
UP TO £25,000 CASH ADVANCE NOW (in 24hrs)
* Free Solicitors • No Fees • Any House • Any Condition
0800 389 6788 01902 628047 Lines open 24 hours a day 7 days a week Terms applicable

Yes! HOMEBUYERS

We will buy your house fast!

Free Valuation? Yes! Any House? Yes!
Fast Sale? Yes! Any Location? Yes!
No Fees? Yes! Any Condition? Yes!
FREE, GUARANTEED, instant offer today!

Call 01922 235 885
or text "Cash" to 66777
yeshomebuyers.com

We buy houses
Sell your house fast

- avoid repossession
- behind on payments
- job relocation
- unwanted inheritance

What more -
we buy in any condition
No estate agent fees
We pay all your legal fees
ACT NOW!
Contact us on:
07796 801219 / 07988 882090

Overseas Property

NOTICE TO READERS
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

7 Jobs

Courses

BIRMINGHAM: 5-6 May (also 5-6 Sept)
WOLVERHAMPTON: 25-26 July (also 17-18 Nov)
STOKE-ON-TRENT: 6-7 August TELFORD: 8-9 August
Learn how to take blood
TRAIN AS A PHLEBOTOMIST
Introduction to Phlebotomy
TWO DAY COURSE - NATIONALLY RECOGNISED
• Allied Healthcare Career Path ACCREDITED
• Accredited (advanced) qualification ocn
• No previous experience required
For more info, or to book online: **www.geopace.com**
£3,450.
High demand in: Hospitals - GP Surgeries - Clinics - Private Sector - MOD - Research

EXCELLENT CONDITION

JAGUAR X TYPE

2.0 Diesel

2005, silver, full leather, heated front seats, Jag fitted sat nav and 6 CD player, cruise control, EW, CL, rear parking sensors, FSH, beautiful drive at 48mpg, MoT October 18, 129,053 miles, only 303 miles since last MoT, reluctant sale due to health reasons

£1,650

07885 137429.



MINI COOPER 1.6L

2010, 26,300 miles, green, MoT to April 5, 2019, electric windows, electric mirrors, central locking, alloys, CD.

£5,500.

07984 550263.

BARGAIN

ROVER P6 V8

1972 automatic. Solid car, good engine and gearbox, lots of time spent on it. Needs petrol pump. Easy project.
£1,550 ono
07455 255455

Cars Under £1500



FORD FIESTA 1242CC

1999, Zetec, MoT November 2018, 3Dr, petrol, central locking, ideal first car.
£375 o.n.o.
07722 887933
Walsall.

BARGAIN

TOYOTA YARIS COLOUR COLLECTION MODEL

2002, 5-dr, one owner, (now retired from driving)
Always garaged.
Well maintained, MoT'd, recent tyres and battery, alloy wheels, very clean.
£950.
01785 256183. 07908 815307.

Scrap Vehicles

OUR ADVERTISERS are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

MCB
TOP PRICES PAID FOR ALL SCRAP CARS, VANS, BIKES, CLASSICS
Tel: 01902 408176
1000's of parts available at all times
MONMORE RD. WV1 2TZ

Vehicles Wanted

CROWN MOTORS guarantee best price for your unwanted cars/vans. 07903 549849, buyer will call.

HAVE YOU CHECKED your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.



FIAT 500 DIESEL BY DESIGN

(model not fuel)
2011, 55,600 miles, Diesel green metallic, EW, stop/start, AC, Bluetooth, usb, glass roof, CD player, CL, MOT, 1 previous owner, alloys, tinted rear windows, spare wheel, tool kit, fsh.
£4,800 o.n.o
07918 621300 (no text)

EXCELLENT CONDITION

FORD FIESTA
58 PLATE, 1.4 TDCI ZETEC
blue edition, metallic black. 65,000 miles, MoT Jan 2019. Serviced, £30 per year road tax.
Lady owner.
Excellent condition.
£2,999.
07988 837407.



HYUNDAI i10 1.2 ACTIVE

2011, 36,000 miles, 5 door, grey, electric windows, air bag, air con, fsh, long MoT, metallic paint, central locking, one owner, alloys, stereo, CD.
£3,450.
01543 278695.

Classified Ads

Vehicle Hire

DALLAS
Van hire...
Wide variety of vans:

- Small
- Large
- Lutons
- Tipplers
- Flats
- Dropsides
- Crew
- Refrigerated
- Minibus

Vans Starting from £35

13A, Woden Road West, Wednesbury, WS10 7SF
www.dallas-hire.co.uk Tel: 0121 647 7112

W.T.R. VAN HIRE Connects, Transits, Lutons with Tail lifts, pick-ups. Open seven days. 01902 457002 / 01384 79099.

spares & accessories

Accessories & Services

ROOF BOX and rack, universal, lockable, complete, good condition, £60 o.n.o. 07725 486316.

Clutches/Brakes/ Gearboxes

WEST MIDS TRANSMISSIONS Reconditioned Gearboxes and Clutch Change. 07710 429803

Tow Bars & Trailers

3 BIKE motor cycle trailer, 3 new tyres. Excellent condition. Tows very well. £695. Tel: Carnock 07951 224740

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

01902 317878 **Classified Ads**

9

Local Information

Public Notices

DOROTHY MARY EATON (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 27 Poole Crescent Brownhills Walsall West Midlands WS8 7LY, who died on 09/01/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 25/05/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

JENNINGS PERKS LIMITED
3a High Street Aldridge Walsall
West Midlands WS9 8LX

7524893

MARY PARKER (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 64 Willenhall Street Darlaston Wednesbury WS10 8NG, who died on 15/02/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 01/06/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

HCB SOLICITORS LTD
20 Linfield Street Walsall
West Midlands WS1 1TJ
(Ref: R09577)

7525400

10

Personals

Personal

FREE TEXT MESSAGES from women wanting discreet ADULT FUN! Call 0121 620 2445 for full details. Discretion assured!

Angels
The largest adult experience in the Midlands
+ Adult Toys + Sexy Lingerie
Unit 5 Frederick Street, Walsall B52 0NE
01922 635544

PROFESSIONAL MALE 47 looking for lady of similar age to spend time together, meals and going out.

Must live in Cannock area. All letters answered. Box Number P21119, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

PROFESSIONAL MALE 60'S

5ft 4, own home and car. Seeks female for friendship only. Looks unimportant. Walsall / surrounding areas. Box Number P21114, Express and Star, Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

Express & Star DATING

Here's how to use your dating service ...

To Place your advert call:

0844 381 5936

Simply text REG followed by your first name, date of birth, area and your advert (max 155 characters) and send to 80098 FREE Standard Network rates apply. **get 10 SMS CHAT CREDIT**

YOU can now **Date ONLINE** or via your mobile just visit:

<http://dating.expressandstar.com>

THE biggest UK on-line database of 17 million UK REAL users waiting to meet **you... visit...** <http://dating.expressandstar.com>

Single Women

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

VALERIE, caring lady 70s GSOH hoping to meet a kind gent for outings, companionship, perhaps more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430557

SARAH black lady, works as a nurse. 48yrs young, hoping to meet a younger man for some fun. Let me be your cougar and dress me up in my uniform. Text Only. Box: 4166063

MY name is Sally. I'm a young 60yrs, attractive & blonde. I love going out to lunch, holidays, meals at home, the general things. Hoping to meet a nice gent 58+. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430555

MELANIE, attractive lady, 38yrs, hoping to meet a nice chap, any age, for chats, not complicated times. Must have great shov, looks unimportant. Text Only. Box: 4037147

ANNE Marie, 30yrs loving lady, loves life, socialising, everything really. Hoping to meet a respectful loving older gent. ACA Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430553

HELEN, sophisticated, cultured lady, 30 something seeks mature man for life's pleasures. Discreet with no strings. Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 430171

HEATHER, shy sensitive brunette, 30yrs, looking for an experienced older gent. ACA. Tel: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430487

GILLY, 39yrs, voluptuous sexy well groomed lady. Varied interests, loves mutual pampering. Looking to meet a man for mutual pleasures. Discretion assured & expected. Call me. Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box: 430249

PAT, 70 year old lady, dark blonde hair, 5ft4, lives in the West Midlands, likes reading, meals out and walking, WLTm a N/S gentleman for days out and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430499

JULIE, 49yrs, recently divorced, own house car etc. Seeks discreet man for daytime meetings while the kids are at school. Week days only. I will reply to all texts. Text Only. Box: 4136824

SYLVIA, 44yrs, Curvy busty lady with cute face. Naughty and open minded. Call to hear more, it easier to chat. Or you can text me if that's easier. You can be any age, just ready to chat. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430563

TABITHA, Jamaican princess! 42yrs, large curvy figure, fabulous sense of humour and very open minded to fun. Hoping to chat to anyone with GSOH. Looks/age/status unimportant. Text Only. Box: 4116607

JEAN, attractive lady young 60s looking to meet younger man for special times. You won't be disappointed if you call me. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430561

YAZ, Asian lady, 32yrs, very slim and pretty. Hoping to meet a strong minded, dominant, resourceful man. Mature please 45+. Text Only. Box: 4177146

LINDA, 69yrs, divorcee with own home, solvent. Loves life to the full. WLTm male for companionship, adult relationship. Call or txt me. Lets chat. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430559

SOPHIE, 46yrs, attractive professional lady with time on her hands. Hoping to meet a nice gent of any age, text fun, flirt, possible meeting. Text Only. Box: 4126579

ANGIE, 45, active attractive female looking to enjoy fun times and weekends away with available male who is also looking for good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430349

ANNA, 53yrs, attractive blonde lady, with lovely curves. Seeking man any age for no strings discreet fun. Tel: 0906 515 3043 Box: 429721

KIRSTEN 36, attractive, blonde and very bored, seeking open-minded discreet decent male for fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430233

MERRY Widow, young 70 yrs, lots of love to give to the right man. I'm very young looking, still blonde. Call me, lets chat/text, then if we click we can meet up. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430411

BEAUTIFUL Black lady 43yrs. Hoping to meet a mature man for no strings regular fun, preferably daytime. Bernadette, sexy black lady. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430409

JULIE, 41yrs, curvy white lady interested in meeting a Asian male 30+ for no strings fun. Hoping to hear from you soon. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430405

ANGELA, 48yrs, seeks no strings casual fun. I have my own house, car and am solvent. I'm busy with a firm figure. You must be open minded, age/status unimportant. Tel: 0906 515 3015 Box: 427633

ANNE, mature lady, attractive petite blonde. Very active and outgoing, still enjoying life. Hoping to meet a kindly gent 60+, preferably black or Asian for socialising and life's pleasures. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430407

MARIELLE, 45yrs, curvy attractive lady, likes older men. I'm married so you must be discreet. Lets meet up, and make each other smile again. Call me and lets get to know each other. Tel: 0906 515 3039 Box: 426853

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715

HARRIETT 42yrs, blue eyed brunette with long lets and decent curves! Looking for a cheeky adventurous man for fun only. I live alone so can accommodate and can travel. Discretion assured. ACA. Give me a try. Tel: 0906 515 3031 Box 426205

SAMANTHA, 35yrs, attractive brunette with own business, seeks adventurous gent for casual relationship. Tel: 0906 515 3035 Box 425979

ATTRACTIVE blonde lady, young 52 yrs, busty, open minded with a zest for life seeks discreet male, age/looks unimportant. All calls/texts answered. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430485

KAREN 41yrs, long legged blonde lady seeks no strings fun with chap of any age. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box: 430251

JENNY, 60s, bright blonde lady, looking for someone to share a happy, loving future with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430395

DISCREET sensual and loving lady seeks man 30+ for daytime fun in her home. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 429849

SUZANNA, 45, lonely beautiful classy French lady looking for happy decent reliable very sexy man for lots of TLC and good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430429

MARRIED lady 39yrs wltm discreet gent for those intimate little extras. Tel: 0906 515 3007 Box: 429851

ANNIE, 45, active attractive female looking to enjoy fun times and weekends away with available male who is also looking for good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430349

MALE, 48, 6ft, married, WLTm a lady any age/status for discreet daytime fun. Text Only replies: 4205286

YOUR regional dating service, run by the dating experts who have been established since 1990. **REAL people in YOUR region**

To Reply to members call:

0906 500 3955

calls cost £1.55 per min plus your phone company's access charge.

Have the adverts e-digit box no written down and do Key-It-In promptly when asked. Don't forget to leave contact details for replies.

To Reply by text:

Text...REPLY26 (leave space) box number (leave space) and then enter your message & send to 80098 eg: REPLY26 123456 hi get in touch.

then send to 80098 Successfully received messages cost £1.50 per SMS received (max 160 characters). You must exchange 7 messages each before you can swap contact details. Messages may be moderated for your safety and security.

Try it... You'll love it!



Been left a message? Pickup your replies on:

0906 500 3957

calls cost £1.55 per min plus your phone company's access charge.

DATE LOCALLY

Drop in to see who is free for a date!



Members in the cafe now waiting to chat to you!

TEXT **CAFE** to **89990**

Texts to 89990 cost £1.50 per msg. To STOP text stop to 89990 Service provided by JMediaUK Ltd RH16 3EG If you need

NURSE with a little extra time on her hands looking for genuine romantic man with GSOH to enjoy fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 429911

KIRSTEN 36, attractive, blonde and very bored, seeking open-minded discreet decent male for fun friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430233

DOREEN 42, blue eyes, red hair, petite build, very active and outgoing, still enjoying life. Hoping to meet a kindly gent 60+, preferably black or Asian for socialising and life's pleasures. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430407

CARMEL, open minded naughty lady seeks a broad minded strict man to unleash her wilder side. Age/looks unimportant but no time wasters please. Tel: 0906 515 3043 Box 426851

LYN 43, divorced very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTm similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 429909

Single Men

ALI from Ibtstock could you please get back in touch my queen of hugs and kisses. From your king of hugs and kisses. Missing you my love. Text only replies to Mailbox: 5432549

ADVENTUROUS 37 year old, slim, dark hair, likes music, cycling and photography. Seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417235

BROADMINDED male, 72, fit, active, GSOH, caring and loving, seeks N/S, open-minded lady, 66-71, for LTR. Genuine. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430241

MALE, 70, seeks female for mature adult fun, can accommodate or travel. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430145

MALE, 64, married, seeking a N/S lady, 45+, for discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430551

MALE, mid 50s, N/S, semi retired, slim build, likes walking, holidays, occasional drinks, films, good chats, enjoys life, looking to meet a female, N/S, 50 plus, for friendship and going out. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 429637

MALE, 55, seeks female for friendship and going out to pubs and clubs with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430447

RETIRED submissive male WLTm bi or straight dominant female, 63 plus, for relationship & fun weekends away. East Staffs Text only replies to Box no: 4380218

MALE, 48, 6ft, married, WLTm a lady any age/status for discreet daytime fun. Text Only replies: 4205286

MATURE male WLTm tall, hairy, active male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430287

MATURE gentleman WLTm physically pampers you and put the smile back on your face. Text only replies. Mailbox: 4483589

MALE 60, but acts younger, looking for a woman, 50 to 65, who likes having fun. I am single, slim, but tattooed all over! Its up to you now ladies. Text only replies. Box no: 6152253

PETER, 54, lots of love to give, affectionate, likes outdoors on the sofa, movies, walks, meals out, WLTm similar minded lady. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430147

NO one knows where I am. Seems no one cares. Life is very lonely when all alone with a heart full of love I am a tactile man, 60s, looking for nice lady. Text only replies. Mailbox: 4411818

Gay Singles

Join our Gay online service **FREE** visit: localgaydate.co.uk

TALL slim CD, male 55 yrs, loves dressing up, loves lingerie, wishing to meet like minded male for meet ups, fun and friendship. Text only replies. Mailbox: 6110283

BI curious submissive guy, wanting to meet an understanding older man for safe and discreet fun. Text only replies: 4722250

ELDERLY feminine gay male, retired, fit & active, cross dresser, WLTm similar gay male, 65 plus, for friendship & companionship. Text only replies: 4380218

MATURE male, WLTm similar mature, single male, for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428615

MALE, tall, slim, 60ish, would love to meet males for fun times in the West Midlands. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 429563

GAY attractive feminine female would like to meet other gay feminine females for friendship possible relationship. Get in touch. Text only replies. Mailbox: 6062854

BI male, submissive, seeks elderly male for discreet meets. Can accommodate. Text only to Mailbox: 6103688

GENUINE closet XD 60, clean, discreet, warm and friendly WLTm Feminine XD or BI Curious for safe fun. Text only replies to Box no: 6172508

MALE would like to meet bi curious male, for discreet fun meetings. Text only replies to Box no: 4236310

GAY male, late 50s, from North Yorkshire/Welsh border, loving, caring, clean shaven, N/S, many interests, seeking similar. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430465

MATURE male WLTm tall, hairy, active male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 430287

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

Buy and sell with Classified Ads



1

Visit our ClassifiedAds website
classifiedads.expressandstar.co.uk

2

Call our Classified sales team on **01902 317 878**

3

Self Serve - Create your own advert in print and online - visit:
bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

Classified Ads

BUY LOCAL, SELL LOCAL

Brought to you by **Express & Star**

Customer support

Call **0207 720 7130** Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm or email us at support@jmediauk.co.uk

<http://dating.expressandstar.com>

CALL CHARGES: DATING 18+ and have the bill payer's permission. 0844 calls cost 7 pence per min, 090 calls cost £1.55 per min, plus your phone company's access charge. Calls are recorded and may appear on your bill. TEXT*: Text alerts are charged at £1.50 per week. To unsubscribe to text alerts, text DATING STOP to 63333. To cancel free match alerts, text STOP to 07781474042. For full T&Cs go to www.localdates-terms.co.uk. REPLY BY TEXT*: 80098/89990 costs £1.50 per SMS received (max 150 characters). Guaranteed up to 4 messages for each message you send. Service only available where phone icon shown. Messages are moderated. Minimum 7 messages must be sent before contact details can be exchanged. This service is not computer generated. All messages are responded to by real service users. No meetings can be guaranteed. If arranging a meeting be sure to choose a public space and do not give personal details to people you have not met. To STOP text stop to 80098/89990. Service provided by No Goats Ltd. Help: 0207 720 7130. ALL SERVICES*: By text only. You consent to the owner of that shortcode sending you the occasional marketing message. To opt out of receiving these send NO INFO to 80098. DATA PROTECTION: Service provided by JMedia UK Ltd, RH16 3EG, 0207 720 7130. We will collect the details you provide and may send you details of other services and events operated by us. We may pass your details onto this newspaper for marketing or PhonePayPlus for regulatory purposes. Advertisers may come from our national database and from our pdc app, your ad may also appear on our dating app. wc. 19/03/18



Joseph with students at the Northern England Open Championships towards the end of last year



Successful students celebrate their gradings at Burntwood Leisure Centre last month

Karate ace still gets kick out of teaching

A KARATE ace has rekindled his love for the sport thanks to his stepson's curiosity.

Joseph Mongan is a former Funakoshi world champion. He's also an ex-World Karate Federation European champion, a Commonwealth bronze medalist, and a third Dan black belt.

After admittedly falling out of love with a sport he has now rediscovered his passion after stepson Leo found his medals and his interest piqued.

Joseph had run a successful academy in Ipswich, but left it behind to move to Staffordshire with his wife. Following the gentle nudge from Leo, Joseph set up JGM Karate Academy in Norton Canes, near Cannock, and his current crop are beginning to replicate his success.

Three of them have picked up medals at national level, just two years since he opened the academy.

"Leo was searching through some stuff and just happened to stumble across my medals and trophies in a box," said Joseph.

Impressive

"He asked me if I would teach him, and that's where it all started, really. I had an academy back in Ipswich which me and my brother ran, and we had a lot of success there – some of our students won some very impressive medals."

The JGM Karate Academy now boasts more than 100 members – the oldest a grandmother in her 70s – with training at Jerome Primary School, Norton Canes Community Centre and Burntwood Leisure Centre. The club's first black belt vies to become a Dan in April and other club members are on their way to claiming belts.

Joseph accepts members from all age groups, backgrounds and abilities, and they have recently competed at the Kyu Grade English National Championships – picking up four medals.

Joe Morell, aged 16, the club captain, won bronze in the Kata. Sam Rushworth, 14, also picked up a bronze in Kata at the 14-15 age group, and Mya Brown, 11, bagged both a bronze in the Kata and a silver in the Kumite, making her a double national medalist. "Mya is looking at attending the British

SPORTING FEATURE

By Adam Washbrook

"Some come because they perhaps struggle to manage their anger, and the sport helps teach them discipline. We really have helped people in all ways, and it's very rewarding."

Championships in May, and we're working very closely with her," said Joseph.

"To be able to compete in both styles at her age is a fantastic achievement."

"There's international championships later in the year, in Poland and Venice. There's a chance we could have members competing in those too."

There has also been success at the USA Open, Central England Championships, The Yorkshire Open and the KAA National Championships.

"We have very high hopes for them and their futures," added Joseph.

But while there is success on the mat, Joseph admits money is sometimes a cause for concern, especially since Karate England cut the funding it used to provide.

"The students deserve recognition, and the sport needs it," he said. "We're actively looking for sponsorships because equipment and travel to tournaments and such doesn't come free."

"Without the recognition and the Press for these events, people don't know we need the sponsorship and it can be difficult at times. At the moment, parents fund the majority of event participation, and we do what we can to help."

"For the English Nationals, we put on a raffle at the Christmas party. People were very kind and

we made £100 for the students, which we contributed towards the competitors' fees, meaning they paid around £15 per event."

A 100 Kata challenge last week has so far raised around £350 which will help towards tournament entry and travel. More than 20 club members took part in the challenge to do 100 Katas.

Joseph himself has also been sent back to school to learn a new style for his students. "I regraded Shotokan to help some of my students. It was a certainly a challenge!" he said.

"It was a lot of hard work and a lot of late nights, but I got there. It's very interesting the difference in fitness and strength conditioning required, but it sparks my enjoyment to be learning something new, and to develop and push myself."

Though his students' medals are at the forefront of his success, the 33-year-old says there are many more rewarding factors to teaching. It's something he says has taken him by surprise. I was telling my wife, it's almost unbelievable the variety of reasons that we have people come to the academy," he added.

Discipline

"We've had people coming looking to learn basic self-defence, some coming to improve their fitness. You kind of expect those, but then on the other side of the spectrum we've had people come who are low on confidence and who use it help them grow."

"Some come because they perhaps struggle to manage their anger, and the sport helps teach them discipline. We really have helped people in all ways, and it's very rewarding."

With karate now an official sport for the 2020 Olympics, Joseph hopes the academy can grow in line with the sport.

"We're working with academy associates at the moment and we just want to keep growing," he said. "We're looking to start a karate league soon and invite other clubs in the area so that we can raise the competition standard."

"There's the British Championships in May and we've got high hopes. I'm just looking forward to seeing how things go."

To get involved with the academy, contact them via their Facebook page – JGM Karate Academy.



Joe Morrell, Mya Brown, Sam Rushworth and Alex Monte-Godfrey



Joseph Mongan with Mya Brown who bagged a bronze and silver

International game to honour legend Cyrille

ENGLAND under-21 host Romania at Molineux this weekend in a tribute to football legend Cyrille Regis. Kick off on Saturday is 5.15pm. The friendly contest has been dubbed the Cyrille Regis International.

Ahead of the game, wreaths will be laid by the legendary forward's former clubs Albion, Wolves, Villa and Coventry – as well as England – and a minute's applause will be held.

Regis, who won five senior international caps, and also scored three goals in six appearances for the under-21s, died in January aged 59.

Current under-21s boss Aidy Boothroyd and Regis's former Albion teammate Brendon Batson both hailed the decision to honour the striker.

Boothroyd said: "He was a fantastic footballer and he broke the ground for a lot of other black players to come through and play in the English leagues."

Batson added: "I'm delighted this game has been named in honour of Cyrille. He was a great footballer, but an even greater guy."

Opening night of darts academy hits bullseye

THE opening night of the West Midlands Darts Academy certainly hit the bullseye. Allen's Sports Bar in Tipton was the venue for the venture that aims to get youngsters aged between six and 17 interested in the game.

Organiser and coach Russell Dingley said 25 young dart aces checked in for the opening night. He said: "I expected six or seven kids, so it was a fantastic turnout. The darting community around here is massive so we were really happy with the opening."

Alfie Jacques, who won the JDC tour in 2017 aged just 14, turned out to support the opening of the academy. He said: "It was fantastic to see such a great turnout, because it shows how many people are interested in darts."

"It's great for players like me because I know that I've got competition and I've got to keep up and play against players like this because they are going to come on just as well as I have in the future."

For more details about the academy, search West Midlands Junior Darts Academy on Facebook.

Extra seats as fans flock to Edgbaston

EDGBASTON is to increase its capacity for its three highest profile matches this year. Warwickshire announced they are to install a temporary stand to increase the ground's 24,550 capacity by 850 seats as England face Australia in an international T20 match on June 27, for the First Test against India from August 1 and for the domestic T20 Blast finals day on September 15.

A temporary extra tier of seating will be placed above the Stanley Barnes Stand. Gareth Roberts, commercial director at Warwickshire CCC, said: "This will be the third time in the last four years that we have brought in a temporary stand as a result of the popularity of the fixtures we are hosting."

"The Vitality IT20 against Australia is now 75 per cent sold out, while year-on-year ticket sales for Vitality Blast Finals Day are 170 per cent up on last year."

"We've also seen huge demand for day three of the Test match against India, which will be a very special occasion as England's 1,000th Test."



SPORTS DESK 01902 319531

CHRON.SPORT@EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK

It's all-white for Darlaston in close fight

St Martins FC 1 Darlaston T'n (1874) 2 SUPPORTED by a number of brave travelling Darlaston Town supporters the game could not have started better for the visitors. Leon Taylor netting his third goal in two games just four minutes into the game. The goal came from a diagonal ball from left back Ryan Jones who from just inside his own half beat the static St Martin's defence allowing Taylor to latch onto the ball and score past home keeper George Austin.

In an evenly contested game Darlaston responded superbly and doubled their lead in the 27th minute. The hard-working Leon Taylor held up the ball on the edge of the St. Martin's penalty area, laying off to the advancing Danny Mayne whose shot was saved by keeper Austin. The ball rebounded into the path of Taylor whose right foot strike found the right-hand side of the net.

Darlaston went into the half-time break 2-0 to the good and could not have asked for a better first half with the weather deteriorating.

St Martins were gifted a lifeline in 57th minutes a poor clearance from a corner fell to Shaun Melusi whose shot was blocked eventually falling to Jamie Hands whose left foot shot beyond keeper Morris found the net to give the home side hope for the remainder of the game.

Both teams and officials were battling the blizzard like conditions with a wind-chill of -9 degrees. The snow showers were getting heavier and longer, the pitch was now covered in snow. The weather did not deter either side, as they continued to both play their brand of football which was easy on the eye and a credit to both teams.

Bloxwich stick to it with icy hockey blast

Nottingham Players 1 Bloxwich 4 IN an eventful and sub-zero game, Bloxwich won 4-1 away from home in extraordinary circumstances.

Bloxwich started off the strongest team and took the early lead through a deflected Alex Hill touch. Bloxwich then doubled their lead through Jake Perkins who tapped in a Liam Brazier cross.

It was at this point the snow started to fall horizontally.

With the pitch now covered in white, both Mark Azram in goal and the Nottingham striker saw red.

Up stepped Ryan Mitford in goal who donned the over-sized goalkeeping kit.

Bloxwich managed to stay strong in defence as Ryan barely had a touch of the ball in the first half. Bloxwich were solid as they took a three goal lead into half time through a Rich Parker goal.

With players faces half frozen and fingers numb, Bloxwich saw out the second half with Rich Parker getting his second through a flick and Ryan Mitford letting in a goal late on in the game.

Champ Denny returns as local hero

THE reigning Midlands middleweight champion will return to action when professional boxing returns with a six-fight card to the Venue in Dudley next month. Fight night has been scheduled for Saturday April 7.

Title-holder Tyler Denny, Kane Baker, Les Byfield, Ryan 'Stewart' Davies, Danny Ball and Humza Ali will occupy the home corner after the first bell. Denny laces on the gloves for the first time since his title glory on September 30, out-pointing Tom Stokes for the vacant strap.

Denny has now set his sights on the English crown, currently held by Elliott Matthews, but will first keep busy in a six-round contest.

Brummie Baker, from Bartley Green, has been hitting the road since his last fight in the West Midlands at the Venue, where he's racked up three of his five victories as a pro.

Baker, 27, has boxed at the famed York Hall in London twice and at the SSE Hydro in Belfast, Northern Ireland, against the likes of Conor Benn, Gary Cully and Sanjeev Sahota.

Tivdale's Davies is undefeated in four bouts, with one TKO to his name. Kingswinford's Ball has a couple of first round TKOs to his credit, just four outings into his professional journey.

Durable campaigners MJ Hall and Chris Jenkinson have gone the distance with the 21-year-old, but Martin Karbrel and Paul Cummings were both wiped out early.

Walsall's Ali has moved up to featherweight after debuting at super bantamweight but, at nearly 6ft, should still stand as an imposing figure.

SNOW JOKE AS WALSALL SLIP

Walsall 9 Spartans 13

THE first 20 minutes of this Midlands League encounter at Delves Road, was played in blizzard conditions.

The hosts had to work hard, as a result, to restrict their opponents to just a 6 - 3 lead at the interval.

Tom Hardy kicked two penalties for the visitors during the final quarter of the half. While Roger Weston put over an excellent 30m kick despite facing a gale force wind with just two minutes remaining in the half.

The Walsall players and coaches would have been satisfied with just a three point deficit at half time. Conditions, however, improved for the rest of the game. In the second half, a series of attacks eventually saw the visitors being penalised for an offside infringement. Once again Weston was on target with his 20m kick. Unfortunately, the hosts failed to secure good field positions and opportunities were restricted during the next 15 minutes. Eventually, Spartans were penalised for yet another offside violation. Hennessey placed a well struck kick towards the corner flag.

Lockett gained the lineup possession and the home pack made several drives before releasing the ball. The home backs ran well, but the quick ball from the breakdown was stopped illegally and Weston had no problems with the 20m kick.

This gave the hosts a one point lead with 15 minutes left. A long period of pressure followed after the visitors were awarded a penalty and the Walsall forwards defended well, but the referee decided that prop forward Simon Weaver was in an illegal position and was shown a yellow card.

A man down, Walsall repelled several near efforts, until No8 Mike Foulds got himself over the line. Hardy then put over the difficult conversion which meant the hosts needed a try to win with four minutes left to play. During this period, it was the visitors that had to do all the defending, with no advantage given to Walsall after Spartan indiscretions, and the whistle was blown.

Club in the swim for charity



Megan Butler in action during the swimathon, totting up over three miles

BROADWAY Swimming Club held a sponsored swim on at Barr Beacon Leisure Centre, in aid of Sports Relief.

The sponsored swim was open to all swimmers of all ages. Some of the younger children did amazingly well and swam a mile for the very first time. Our outstanding achievers at the event were: Elodie Rollins, swimming 2.33 miles; Mia Perfit, swimming 2.61 miles; Millie

Harmon, swimming 2.80 miles; Megan Butler, swimming 3.03 miles

The girls swam fantastically well, completing these distances in 90 minutes.

Well done to all of our children, raising money for such a worthy cause.

Anyone wishing to join Broadway Swimming Club, should contact head coach Alan Bagnall on 01922 409760.



Hero's return - Dean Keates at Banks's

CLUB legend Chris Marsh has welcomed the appointment of Dean Keates as Walsall boss - but has urged fans to remain patient with their new manager.

Keates was officially confirmed as the new Saddlers chief on Friday after the club agreed a compensation package with Wrexham. He has signed a three-and-a-half year deal. The 39-year-old, who is from Beechdale, made more than 200 playing appearances for Walsall and won three promotions in his two separate stints with the club.

Now manager, his first task is to keep Walsall in League One this season.

But Marsh believes Keates will quickly get the wins Walsall need before he then starts to plot long-term success.

"The defence he built at Wrexham was so strong and he is going to want to do the same at Walsall. But that takes time so the fans are going to have to be patient. I honestly believe though this is a great appointment."

Keates admitted he found the lure of returning 'home' too strong. "I'm delighted to come back," he said. "I'm from the area. I was on the terraces at Fellows Park and then at the Banks's."

● Former Saddlers winger George Meek has died aged 84. The Scotsman played 44 games on loan from Leeds from 1953-55 and 128 more times on returning to Fellows Park from 1961-65.

★★★

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford. Thursday, March 22, 2018

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING The recycled content of newspapers in 2015 was 62.8%



GRAYSHHELLS TRAVEL

..... Daytrips and Holidays

Sunday 15th April to Saturday 21st April
The Royal Norfolk Hotel, Bognor Regis
(7 Days) £279.00 per person

Monday 18th June to Saturday 23rd June
Shanklin Beach Hotel, Isle of Wight
Single Supplement £5.00 per night
(6 days) £285.00 per person

Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August
The Smith Court Hotel, Margate
Single Supplement £5.00 per night
(5 days) £270.00 per person

Monday 17th September to Friday 21st September
St Ives Hotel, Lytham, St Annes
(5 days) £255.00 per person

Sunday 14th October to Friday 19th October
The Kilbirnie Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall
Single Supplement £5.00 per night
(6 days) £320.00 per person

Monday 26th November to Friday 30th November
The Osborne Hotel, Ilfracombe
(5 days) Turkey & Tinsel
£230.00 per person

Sunday 9th December to Friday 14th December
The Tower House Hotel, Bournemouth
(6 Days) Turkey & Tinsel £260.00 per person

FORTH COMING DAY TRIPS

Thursday 29th March Richmond Poppy Factory with lunch £20

Tuesday 24th April Bristol £16

Sunday 6th May Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza £16

Tuesday 5th June Morton in the Marsh Market & Bourton on the Water £16

Friday 29th June Worcester & Webbs of Wychbold £16

Tuesday 3rd July Llangollen £16

Wednesday 11th July Windsor £16

Thursday 26th July Scenic tour around Yorkshire Dales £16

For all our day trips please call or go to the website for details

Tel: 01543 466370 Email: grayshells@live.co.uk
www.grayshellstravel.co.uk

Coaches available for private hire Call for details